



This special Sunday School Class working in art, is led by Kathy Herring and Louise Case. It is part of a program with 105 persons enrolled at First Baptist Church, Canton.

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By Tim Nicholas  
Each Sunday afternoon, two buses pulled up to First Baptist Church in Canton with the entire congregation. It's not the regular membership; most of them went home at noon. Instead, this congregation consists of about 105 adults who are residents of the Canton Nursing Center.

Into the church fellowship hall they bounce, giving the volunteers who operate the program affectionate kisses, hugs, and infectious smiles.

The program is a weekly Special Sunday School for the residents of the nursing center. It includes crafts, a Bible study and a worship service, led by Louis Smith, pastor of FBC, Canton.

"Every level of retardation is represented in this group," said Lorraine Middleton, a voice and piano teacher who directs the program which has been going on for three years.

Mrs. Middleton, who succeeded Minnie Hardy, Jim Conner, and Mark

done recreation therapy at the Denton State School in Texas. She said the residents look forward to the program all week. "They start putting out their clothes on Wednesday," she said. Said one resident, "I love coming here so much because they love me here."

She added that some of the residents have passed up trips to the circus, the zoo, and other outings so they wouldn't miss the services.

The Bible study, according to Mrs. Middleton, is kept to the basics. "We're able to give short memory verses," she said.

On Sunday, the top class went through the first five of the Ten Commandments. Some of the divided classes use 4th-6th grade material, the others use material for ages 4-6.

"You have to choose your words very carefully," she said, "they take things so literally."

Smith, pastor there for the past year and a half, said he had a little culture

when he arrived. He leads the group in the same children's sermon he teaches to the children in the regular services. "We have to have Jesus in our hearts to be happy," he tells them.

Smith says the program only costs the church about \$300-\$400 each year. First United Methodist Church in Canton offers one bus and driver, and FBC, Canton, sends the other.

"We have difficulty getting leadership for this group," admitted Smith, who added that anyone who got to know the people would lose their inhibitions quickly.

Center director, Ben Smith offered to invite staffers who were willing to accompany the residents, to make up for lost volunteer workers. Now a number of staffers attend.

Said Mrs. Middleton, "If you're going to look for sincerity, the love, they're giving back six times more than we give."

Mrs. Middleton said volunteers tend

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## Summer Missionaries Find Frustrations, Triumphs

The summer missions program, sponsored by the department of student work, is offering 58 Mississippi college students an opportunity to experience mission work—its problems, frustrations, joys, and triumphs—this summer. Working in eight countries and 22 states, these students come from 25 college campuses in Mississippi.

"We are receiving reports weekly from students who are serving," says Lloyd Luncford, associate in the Mississippi department of student work. "Many of them tell us of frustrations they face in language barriers, or where there is so much that needs to be done that they can't do."

"But all of the students are telling us of new and unique ways God is being able to use them—that just being available for God to use is the biggest challenge and brings the greatest rewards," Luncford added.

Here are some brief statements taken from letters from the summer missionaries.

"At our Backyard Bible Club this week, we started out with 18 kids. It was at Fort Carson and a local army base here. Before we told any of the stories, we had a little quiz about the stories we would be telling, and to my surprise, not one kid had ever heard any of the stories before. They were really interested and listened better than I expected. One little boy asked if we could do it for more than a week! It surely is sad to know that there are children who won't listen if only we would tell them!" — Michael Davis (Co-Lin), Colorado Springs, Colorado.

"I worked in a children's camp and on the last day of camp two girls came and talked to me after the devotion and asked how they could have Jesus in their hearts. As I shared with them the plan of salvation, they both listened as if it was the best thing they had ever heard. They both prayed and asked Jesus to come into their hearts. I was

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## Billy Nutt Will Be CT Retreat Leader

Church Training leadership retreats I and II have been combined and will be conducted August 16-18. The retreat will begin with registration on Thursday afternoon and end at noon on Saturday. The first training session will be on Thursday evening.

Billy Nutt, program director for the Alabama Baptist Convention, will be the speaker for the retreat. Jim Cartright, Wayne Jenkins, and Ethel McIndoo, all from the Sunday School Board, will be featured faculty members leading conferences for general officers, youth leaders, and children's leaders respectively.

A special workshop for parents and workers with the mentally retarded will also be conducted during the retreat. A special education department is planned in conjunction with the workshop.

All persons who hold reservations for retreat I (August 13-15) will automatically be transferred to August 16-18. However, if plans cannot be adjusted, refunds may be obtained by writing directly to Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Henderson Point, Pass Christian, Miss. 39571.

## Church Growth Focus Of August Meetings

Six area-wide conferences on church growth will be held throughout the state in August. Sponsored jointly by the Sunday School and the Evangelism departments of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, the two-hour conferences will begin at 7 p.m. at all six locations. The schedule is as follows: Aug. 20 —



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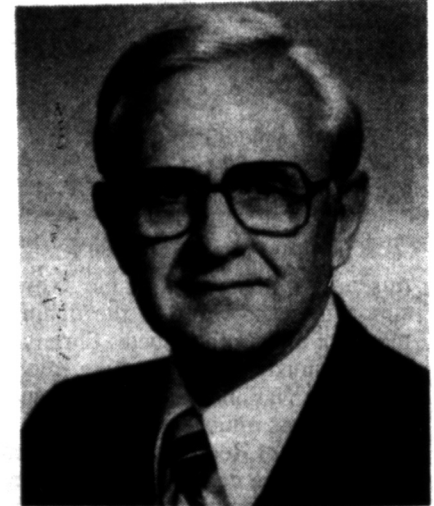
Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo; Aug. 21 — North Greenwood Baptist Church, Greenwood; Aug. 23 — Highland Baptist Church, Meridian; August 27 — First Baptist Church, Brookhaven; Aug. 28 — First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg; Aug. 30 — First Church Church, Biloxi.

The purpose of these conferences is to equip the church to deal effectively with outreach and resultant growth. "Our definition of church growth has been stated best by Peter Wagner in his book *Your Church Can Grow*," says Roy Collum, director of the Evangelism department. "Wagner

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## Brotherhood Trustees Elect Smith Director

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP) — James Hillman Smith, executive secretary of the Illinois Baptist State Association, was elected without opposition as



Smith

executive director of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission. At a special meeting of 36 trustees from 26 states at Memphis Holiday Inn Rivermont, chairman Jack Knox of Germantown, Tenn., nominated the Illinois clergyman with the unanimous blessing of his eight-man search committee and the 10-man executive committee of the agency.

Smith, 58, was chosen from more than 100 candidates to become the fifth chief administrative officer of the missions education agency, succeeding Glendon McCullough who died in a traffic accident Aug. 23, 1978.

In accepting the job, Smith told the trustees they honored and humbled him, saying, "The last three weeks have been the most spectacular expression of the will of God that I have seen." Smith agreed three weeks prior

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## Puckett Named Blue Mountain BSU Director

Susan Puckett, 25, has been named Baptist Student Union director at Blue Mountain College.



Puckett

The Columbus, Miss., native, will begin her work with the fall term at the Baptist-related women's college at Blue Mountain, Miss.

Miss Puckett, a graduate of Baylor University, with earlier study at Mississippi University for Women, will receive her master of divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological seminary in August.

She is currently employed as youth minister at Campbellsburg Baptist Church, Campbellsburg, Ky. From 1976-78, she was BSU associate director at colleges in the city of Miami and spent a summer in 1976 as staff assistant for an apartment house ministry

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## VBS — An Outreach Tool

Seventeen children made professions of faith during the Vacation Bible School, July 8-13 at Dorsey Baptist Church in Itawamba County. The church used two of its four buses to help bring in the 106 enrolled. Average attendance was 101; high attendance was 111. Bob Ramsay is interim pastor.

These statistics are typical of Mississippi Baptist Vacation Bible Schools. A look at last year's figures show that 1,637 Mississippi Baptist churches held some type of Bible school. Total enrollment in 1978 was 139,290 (including over 2,000 adults who were enrolled for study). Total prospects for church numbered nearly 19,000 and total professions of faith were 1,598.

Billy Hudgens, of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Sunday School Department staff, who trains associational VBS worker trainers, said that it is not too late for a church to begin planning a VBS program for this year. Material is available for all ages, including adults, he said.

"Other than Sunday School, Vacation Bible School reaches more people than any other single event," said Hudgens who added that VBS is one of the best outreach tools a church has at its disposal.

He said that with participants' permission or parental permission for small children, churches can consider transferring VBS enrollees to Sunday School rolls.

## Nicaragua Center Reopens; Looting Reports Prove False

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (BP) — The Baptist Culture Center in Managua, Nicaragua is open and serving the public on a limited basis after being closed five weeks because of the civil war which has torn apart this Central American republic.

In a telephone conversation with Stanley D. Stamps, Southern Baptist missionary to Nicaragua, presently in Honduras, Miguel Garcia reported that the center was intact and suffered no damage during fighting between national guard forces and guerrillas of the Sandinista National Liberation Front. Garcia is assistant director of

the center which houses a Baptist bookstore and deposit from the Baptist Spanish Publishing House. He and another employee, Ramon Obando,

reopened the store when a temporary calm returned to the city.

An earlier but unconfirmed report

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## WMU Camps Are Set In Several Locations

By Wilda Fancher  
Folks still shake their heads in disbelief while they wind their way through the residential jungle that has matted its way smack up to Camp Garaywa's fence line. Who ever heard of going to WMU Camp practically in somebody's backyard?

Once folks get inside the gate, however, that special Garaywa feeling gently, though quickly, closes them in to a peaceful, quiet place under the tree-framed sky, and the houses

barely outside seem five miles away like houses were when Garaywa was begun.

And when ladies who have come for leadership training sit down in conferences at Garaywa, the welcome relief that comes when help is on its way replaces the anxiety they have felt about how to meet the demands of their positions.

Then, like the rose which by another name would smell as sweet, WMU

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## FMB Approves Relief Funds Of Half Million

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has appropriated \$488,964 for relief ministries, including an additional \$10,000 to aid Nicaraguans fleeing into Honduras.

The bulk of the money, \$359,464, will go to developmental aid projects in Brazil, including farming, agriculture schools, good will centers and urban hunger alleviation efforts in four areas.

Remaining funds appropriated, which include \$18,000 in general relief and \$111,500 in hunger relief money, will go to 13 smaller projects such as flood relief in Paraguay, Argentina, Brazil, Jamaica and Indonesia.

In addition to the \$10,000 for Nicaraguan refugees in Honduras, the board has voted to replace \$20,000 drawn from its emergency relief fund to aid war victims still within Nicaragua. Southeast Asian refugee work received \$5,000 to be used through Southern Baptist missionaries in Hong Kong.

Brazilian projects include total development efforts in both rural and urban settings.

In Corrente, Brazil, \$125,000 will be used to help 60 landless families clear 600 acres of land and build pond irrigation systems. In a second phase of the project, these farmers will receive training through an agricultural school in animal science, crop production, agricultural economics and farm mechanics.

The third phase will help an additional 25 families per year get started farming on government - provided property.

A similar project in Jaguaguara, Brazil, received \$92,953 for a three-part development project involving agriculture co-operatives, beans for planting and an irrigation system. The co-operatives are part of an effort to organize farmers so they can take advantage of government land grants for groups who will work together.

The Tamandua Goodwill Center in North Brazil will receive \$75,111 to provide clean water, seeds and proper sanitation facilities to local families. The project includes construction of 40 cisterns and 40 outdoor bathrooms using Southern Baptist funds and the labor of persons being helped. By improving sanitation, missionaries hope to improve the medical standard of the community. Four different kinds of parasites have infected residents, robbing them of energy and nutrition.

Both the Tamandua and Jaguaguara projects will provide bean seeds to families to plant and harvest. Part of their harvest will be returned to the project to be used as seed for other farmers. They will use the remainder for food and replanting so that the project becomes self-perpetuating after the initial seed investment.

The Tamandua project also includes paying fees for people to receive birth and marriage certificates. Without these documents no work permits can

be obtained and without work permits residents cannot find jobs.

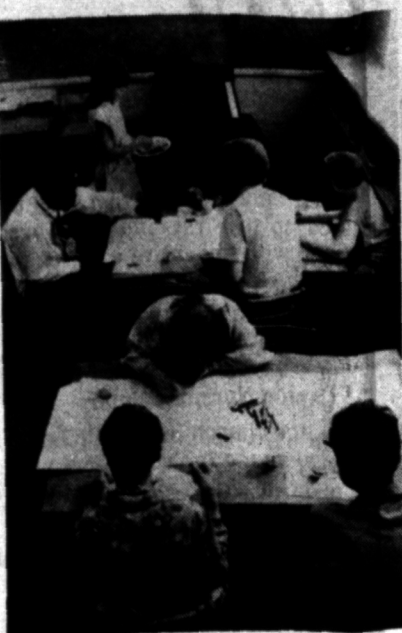
The fourth major project is the continuation of an urban hunger alleviation project begun two years ago. A good will center in Recife will receive \$66,400 for its third year of providing school fees, uniforms and books for children and food aid to families.

In addition to the \$488,964 allocated for these projects, \$5,000 was reallocated from money provided for a well in Koudougou, Upper Volta, to be used for fencing in the same project.

## Midwestern Names New Faculty: Johnson, Meigs

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP) — Five persons, including two recently elected professors, will join the faculty at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here for the 1979-80 school year.

Bob I. Johnson, 45, and J. Thomas Meigs, 41, were elected as assistant professors of religious education and



This is Frank and Becky Stiedle's class. Becky is standing; her father is in middle of picture with back to camera.

church administration and of Old Testament and Hebrew respectively.

Visiting professors in missions, comparative religions, and an instructor in Hebrew for 1979-80 round out the faculty additions.

Johnson, currently associate director for extension centers of the Southern Baptist Seminary Extension Department, Nashville, is a graduate of East Texas Baptist College. He also earned bachelor of divinity, master of religious education and doctor of education degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Johnson's position is one of the six professorships sponsored by the SBC Sunday School Board, in cooperation with the six SBC seminaries, to help SBC leaders become more aware of the resources, services, material and support of the denomination.

Meigs, currently college chaplain and assistant professor of religion at Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky., is a graduate of Carson Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn. He also graduated from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., with master of divinity and doctor of philosophy degrees.

**Mati, Philippines** — Mati Baptist Hospital, the first evangelical witness in the eastern portion of the island of Mindanao in the Philippines, recently celebrated its 25th anniversary. Starting with only seven beds, the hospital now boasts 90 beds and has treated more than 100,000 outpatients and nearly 44,000 inpatients in the past 25 years. Births during that time numbered 2,214.

## Churches Are Included, Too

WASHINGTON (BP) — Both the sanctuary and educational buildings of churches are covered by the new administrative rules on heating and cooling in public buildings, according to the general counsel's office of the Department of Energy.

The rules, published in the Federal Register July 5, 1979, went into effect on July 16. They provide that a public building may not be cooled below 78 degrees Fahrenheit in the summer and may not be heated above 65 degrees Fahrenheit in the winter.

The rules also provide that during the time that a building is to be unoccupied for a period of eight hours or more the heating system must not be operated unless the outside temperature falls below 50 degrees Fahrenheit. The cooling system must not be operated at all.

Failure to comply could lead to civil penalties of up to \$5,000 for each violation. Any person who willfully violates the rules may be subject to criminal penalties of up to \$10,000 for each violation.

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In the sanctuary, Louis Smith greets participants in the Special Sunday School at First Baptist Church, Canton. At right are volunteer Teresa Stiedle, and Dale Downey, a para-

professional at the Canton Nursing Center. In the background are volunteers Mitchell Tyner and Virginia Stiedle.

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not to see the infirmities, especially "if you're going to look for sincerity and the love they give."

She added, "They're giving back six times more than we give." Volunteers include Lorraine Middleton, director; Frank, Virginia, Michael, Teresa, and Becky Stiedle; Kathy Herring, Louise Case, Mitchell Tyner, Ken and Willie Batchelor, and Frances Simpson.

Teenager Michael Stiedle, commented on his participation in the program, "I get the feeling it helps you when you get grown up."



Crafts class produces pinwheels at FBC, Canton's Special Sunday School class.

## Pastors' Retreat Scheduled

Frank Stagg, senior professor of New Testament Studies at Southern Seminary will be Bible teacher for the fall pastors' retreat at Clinton's Camp Garaywa.

The retreat will include study, music, and seminars relating to pastoral needs. It begins with registration at 1:30 p.m., Oct. 8, and concludes at 10:30 a.m. on Oct. 10.

The total cost for meals, lodgings, and insurance will be \$15 and must accompany registration. The \$15 will be refunded if cancellation is received prior to Sept. 28.

Write Church Administration/Pastoral Ministries Department, Leon Emery, director, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205. Phone: 354-3704.

## HMB Announces Changes

## Two Departments Are Elevated; Hamblen Named To New Post

GLORIETA, N. M. (BP) — The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's directors voted at their summer meeting to make changes in the agency's efforts to plant and strengthen new churches and expand work among cultural and ethnic groups.

The changes included elevating the departments of language missions and church extension to division status in the Missions Section.

Also, directors approved a reorganization of the associational missions division, to provide stronger emphasis on planning and training functions, a board spokesman said.

"These are not changes just for the sake of change," said William G. Tanner, executive director - treasurer. "The restructuring is the culmination of three years of careful study, seeking to determine how we can be more effective in our plans to reach our nation for Christ, and to fulfill the twin aims of Bold Mission Thrust — evangelization and congregationalization," Tanner said.

He said elevation of language missions and church extension, the two areas most responsible for the efforts to congregationalize the nation, gives them enhanced visibility and puts them in closer relationship to administrative leadership.

To elevate the two new divisions, directors approved a proposal to divide the missions ministries division into three divisions.

Under the reorganization, M. Wendell Belew continues as director of the



Romo Redford

missions ministries division, which supervises the work of the departments of interfaith witness, Christian social ministries, cooperative ministries with National Baptists and special missions ministries.

P. J. (Jack) Redford, who has been director of the department of church extension, becomes director of the division of church extension, and Oscar Romo, who has headed the language missions department, becomes director of the division of language missions.

Under board structure, departments are part of divisions, which in turn relate to sections. The four sections — missions, evangelism, planning and services — form the administrative council which works with Tanner.

Belew, a board staffer for 24 years, will become responsible for the ministry aspects of the missions effort.

Under the reorganization, Belew will supervise a division with four program areas, 520 missions personnel and a budget of \$6.1 million. Romo will supervise a program of 1,350 missions personnel and a budget of \$5.3 million, and Redford will oversee 920 personnel and a budget of \$4 million.

The new structure will put six divisions in the missions section: associa-

tional missions, church loans, language missions, church extension, chaplaincy and missions ministries.

In their other action, the directors reorganized the associational missions division, creating the new post of associate director, and filling that job by electing James V. Hamblen, who has been associate director of the department of metropolitan missions.

Hamblen's new responsibilities include a heavy emphasis on planning and training for the division, according to James Nelson, director.

Hamblen, 45, has been on the board's staff since earlier this year, moving to his post in the metropolitan missions department from a position as national field consultant in metro missions. He was elected a missionary associate of the board in 1973, serving as consultant in new-town planning.

He is a graduate of the University of Texas and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Prior to being associated with the board, he was director of Columbia Baptist Fellowship in Columbia, Md., and pastor of churches in Houston, Combes, Dallas and Taylor, Texas, and in Loco, Okla.

To fill his position as associate director of metropolitan missions, directors elected Jere Allen, 45, director of special mission ministries for the Alabama Baptist State Convention.

Allen, a native of Greenville, Miss., has been with the Alabama convention staff since 1977. Previously, he was consultant for churches in changing communities, also working with the Alabama convention. He has been pastor of churches in Richmond and Roanoke, Va., and in Ashland, Ky.

Allen is graduate of Auburn University, Southern Seminary and Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va.

## Pension Law Rule Change Introduced

Legislation which gives Southern Baptists a chance to support a 1976 convention resolution opposing the federal pension law's rule prohibiting church agencies from participating in church pension plans has been introduced in the U. S. Senate.

Dorold H. Morgan, president of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board, explains the three bills "would amend the law's definition of 'church plan' to recognize traditional church retirement plans which cover agency employees."

## Grand Canyon Not Sanctioned

PHONIX, Ariz. (BP) — Grand Canyon College will receive no sanction from the National Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for keeping its baseball team from participation in the NAIA world series.

Grand Canyon kept its team home after pictures were published in area newspapers showing the players celebrating their final victory by pouring champagne over their heads. School rules prohibit the use or possession of alcohol by its students.

A statement issued by the executive committee of the NAIA, which met with Grand Canyon President Bill Williams in its Kansas City headquarters, said: "Because of the unusual circumstances surrounding this case, the committee has determined that institutional probationary action... shall not be assessed in this instance."

Williams said the committee members, composed primarily of college administrators and athletic directors, was supportive of Grand Canyon's action.

He said the NAIA contract of participation clearly showed the NAIA's desire to support moral and ethical values and support the autonomy of the school.

By Barbara Little  
FT. WORTH, Tex. — Effective in the fall of 1979, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary will offer three

## Southwestern To Offer Three New Degree Plans

new degree programs designed to inter-relate courses in the seminary's three schools.

The new degrees include a master of divinity degree with church music minor; a master of religious education with church music minor; and a master of church music with religious education minor.

The programs inter-relate in the seminary's School of Theology, School of Religious Education, and School of Church Music.

"The master of divinity with church music minor was designed especially for music students who wanted a more thorough theological background," Jesse N. Northcutt, vice president for academic affairs, explained.

The master of religious education degree with church music minor was developed to fill the need of combination ministries, according to Jack D. Terry Jr., dean of the School of Religious Education.

"The majority of churches who require a combination staff member generally indicate educational responsibility with music responsibility, or youth and music. Because so many churches request the combination, we felt it was important that students be well qualified not only in education, but also in church music," Terry said.

According to seminary officials, the major difference in this program from other combination degrees is the specific concentration in one area of religious education — childhood, youth, adult, social work, administration or psychology.

Both Terry and Roper said they anticipated overwhelming response to the new program. Provisions will be made for current students to switch to the new program, Northcutt said.

## BIBLE PUZZLE ANSWERS

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"But shun profane and vain babbling" (2 Tim. 2:16).



# Record Journeyman Group Commissioned For Overseas

Sue Ann Holland, a nurse at Garden Park Hospital in Gulfport, was one of a record 123 journeymen commissioned in a July service at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Richmond, Va.

Later, on Sunday afternoon, July 22, Miss Holland was commissioned by her home church, Bel Aire at Gulfport. A graduate of the Baptist Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Memphis, she will be a staff nurse at the Jibla Baptist Hospital in Yemen.

Eight others with Mississippi connections are among the new journeymen who will go to 44 countries or territories to work alongside career missionaries for two years. These eight are Janie Boykin, Patsy Colville, Ted Holt, Daniel Johnson, Kenneth

Michel, Karen Schmulbach, and John and Kathy Stanley.

The number of new journeymen jumped from 95 to 123, or almost 30 percent. They came from 24 states and Canada. Countries receiving largest groups are Kenya with 11 and Japan with 10.

Miss Holland said she began to consider becoming a journeyman after a conversation last fall with Sam Turner, director of missions for Gulf Coast Association, who was formerly a foreign missionary. "The more I thought about and read about the journeyman program," she said, "the more interested I became."

Born in Dayton, Ohio, she has lived in Michigan, Alabama, Tennessee,

and Mississippi. She was baptized at Bel Aire Church, by Elwyn Wilkinson, when she was 16. She is the daughter of Mrs. Marie Holland of Gulfport and the late Donald Holland.

## At Bel Aire

In the commissioning service at Bel Aire, Pastor J. M. Burns talked about Jonah being sent to preach to sinners. He continued, "God is a God of mercy. He is a God of grace. . . . What the world needs most is the Word of God." He commended Miss Holland for her decision to go to Yemen, to help share the Word there.

In the same service, Miss Holland gave her testimony. Robbie Richardson, interim BSU director at Gulf Coast Junior College, read the poem, "The Journey," words by

Ragan Courtney. Others on program were Dennis Walton, Jimmy Richardson, Charlie Hadden, and a young women's ensemble.

Miss Holland left from New Orleans on July 29, enroute to Yemen. Stacey Clark, a journeyman nurse from Pineville, La., will be working with her in the Jibla Baptist Hospital.

In Richmond, Baker J. Cauthen, executive director of the Foreign Mission Board, challenged the group of journeymen to claim the "freedom to be" which Jesus gives as they go overseas.

"You're in a position as you go to tell people who are totally unaware that there is a way to freedom," he said in a message based on verses in Romans 8.

**Karen Schmulbach:** Employed as a secondary teacher at Pui Ching in Hong Kong. Most recently employed as a salesclerk at a Memphis, Tenn., department store. College: Memphis State University. Church: Parkway Village Baptist, Memphis. Daughter of M/M George T. Schmulbach of Memphis. She was born in Clarksdale, Miss.

**Janie Boykin:** Employed as a GA and Sunbeam worker in Monrovia, Liberia. Most recently employed as a teacher in Raleigh, Miss. College: Clarke College, University of Southern Mississippi. She was a summer missionary to California under the Home Mission Board and a BSU summer missionary to Liberia and BSU mission chairman at Southern. Church: Union Baptist, Mize. Daughter of Mrs. H. H. Boykin of Raleigh, her hometown.

**Patsy Colville:** Employed as a nurse in clinical teaching in Eku, Nigeria. Most recently employed as a pediatric nurse at Charlotte (N.C.) Memorial Hospital and Medical Center. College: Louisiana College, Mississippi College, B.S.N. In BSU, she was a summer missionary to India. Daughter of M/M William Colville Jr. of Ruston. She was born in Agana, Guam.

**John L. Stanley:** Employed as a youth and educational worker at Parklands Church in Nairobi, Kenya. Most recently employed as pastor of Ogden Baptist Church, Benton. College: Mississippi College. In BSU, he was state president and a summer missionary to Israel. Son of M/M Ernest L. Wright of Braxton, Miss. He was born in Mobile.

**Kathy (Mrs. John L.) Stanley:** Employed as a youth and educational worker at Parklands Church in Nairobi, Kenya. College: Mississippi College. In BSU, she was tutor at Baptist Children's Village, and went on a mission trip to St. Petersburg, Fla. Church: Ogden Baptist, Benton. Miss. Daughter of M/M Bobby L. Cleveland of Epps, La. She was born in Shreveport.

**Kenneth L. Michel:** Employed as a youth worker in the Baptist Union office in Glasgow, Scotland. College: Mississippi College, University of Mississippi. Seminary: New Orleans Seminary, M.Div. '79. He was a summer missionary to Puerto Rico under the Home Mission Board. Church: First Baptist, Brookhaven, Son of M/M P. A. Michel of Brookhaven. He was born in Fort Worth, Texas.

**Daniel L. Johnson:** Employed as a drama instructor in Dacca, Bangladesh. Most recently employed as a minister of music for Myrick Baptist, Laurel, and as a disc jockey for Hattiesburg radio station WFOR. College: University of Southern Mississippi. Son of M/M Billy G. Johnson of Hattiesburg. He was born in Laurel.

**Ted H. Holt:** Employed as director of Baptist student ministries in Yucatan, Mexico. College: Itawamba Junior College, Fulton; Delta State University, Cleveland. In BSU, he participated in a beach ministry to Daytona Beach, Fla. Church: Chesterville Baptist, Tupelo. Son of M/M Howard Holt of Tupelo. He was born in Memphis.

## Bivocational Pastors Will Meet Regionally

Four regional conferences for bivocational pastors are set for late August and early September.

The four conferences which are designed for pastors who hold additional secular jobs and for all directors of missions, will take place at Weatherly, Tupelo, Forest, and Water Valley.

All will begin at 6 p.m. with a complimentary dinner.

The Weatherly meeting will be at the Simpson County Baptist Association Office on Highway 49 on Aug. 30.

The Aug. 31 meeting will be at Tupelo's Calvary Baptist Church. Sept. 6 the meeting will take place at Liberty Baptist Church in Forest.

And First Baptist Church in Water Valley will host the Sept. 7 meeting.

Hollis Bryant is coordinator of the meetings and consultant for the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

He requested that these bivocational pastors and directors of missions who plan to attend, contact one of the following directors of missions who are handling local arrangements for dinner reservations. A week's notice would be appreciated, said Bryant.

Contact persons for dinner reservations are Glenn Schilling for Simpson County, Harold Anderson for Lee County, Holmes Carlisle for Scott

county, and Findley Evans for Grenada-Yalobusha Counties. Evans is working on the Water Valley meeting.

Bryant reported that each meeting will include on the program a bivocational pastor who will give a message on the joys and frustrations of being a bivocational pastor. And a bivocational local music director will be in charge of music.

At the Water Valley and Tupelo meetings, a representative of the New Orleans Seminary diploma program, a representative from seminary extension, and a representative from the Home Mission Board will be present to field questions. At the Scott and Simpson County meetings, seminary extension and the HMB will have representatives on hand.

Bryant estimated that approximately one fourth of all Mississippi Baptist Convention - related pastors are bivocational and that some associations are almost 95 percent bivocational.

**Kent, Ohio (RNS)** — Twenty thousand married people and clergy are expected to take part in the international convention of the Marriage Encounter movement to be held here, June 29-July 1. The movement sponsors marriage encounter weekends which are 44-hour intense courses on marriage communication and spiritual values.

# Five Killed When Church Van Struck

DALLAS (BP) — Five teenagers and sponsors on their way to a church training week at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center were killed when a truck hit their van and pushed it into flood waters left by tropical storm Claudette July 27.

The five, members of First Baptist Church and Calvary Baptist Church, Cleveland, Texas, were teenagers Elizabeth Bazar, Pam Fitch, and David Williamson and sponsors Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McGee. McGee was driving the van in which seven others were injured, none seriously.

The accident occurred on Highway 7, three miles west of Centerville. Strong, swift currents from the flooding prevented officials from recovering the bodies for several hours.

Another van from the Cleveland church was traveling with the van that was knocked into the flooded area. The other van was hit, but not knocked off the road. A total of 24 teenagers and sponsors were riding in the two vans.

The disaster relief van of the Baptist General Convention of Texas was stationed in Alvin, Texas, by Friday noon, July 27, to do mass feeding at the request of the Red Cross.

**Graz, Austria** — The Baptist Church of Graz, under the leadership of Pastor Graham Lange, completed a Witness Involvement Now campaign which led to 500 contacts with families in the area. Two groups were formed from school participants. One made contact with families who had been receiving a church newspaper.

# Home Mission Offering Is Ahead Of Last Year's

ATLANTA (BP) — After a slow start, Southern Baptists have contributed \$12,989,746 to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions.

"I think that is tremendous," said William G. Tanner, Executive director-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Tanner expressed some apprehension that economic uncertainties, energy problems and inflation might hinder the annual offering after receipts had run below expectations during the spring.

However, Tanner reported that in

mid-July, the offering had attained 86.6 percent of its \$15 million goal.

"The slow start in receiving the Annie Armstrong Offering was caused by the fact Easter was three weeks later than it was last year (in 1978)," Tanner said. "We have now closed the gap and are more than \$1,837,000 above the offering of the previous year."

Tanner added the offering is 16.5 percent ahead of last year at mid-July.

The Home Mission Board depends on the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions for nearly half of its \$32 million annual budget.

# Christenson, Fry To Be Featured For Baptist Women

Evelyn Christenson and Laura Fry are among the feature speakers during the annual Baptist Women Retreat, Oct. 12-14, at Camp Garaywa in Clinton.

Mrs. Christenson will be teaching her book, *What Happens When Women Pray*, and Miss Fry, national evangelism consultant for women for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, will join Lou Ann Lee and Martha Haggan, foreign and home missionaries, respectively.

Mrs. Lee is missionary to France, and Mrs. Haggan is missionary to the Choctaw Indians in Mississippi.

The program begins at 6 p.m. Friday, and closes at noon Sunday.

Cost for the full weekend will be \$24.



Christenson

Full payment must accompany registration. For Saturday only, the cost is \$5. Write Ethel McKelthen, Women's Missionary Union, Box 536, Jackson, Miss., 39205. Deadline for reservations is Oct. 8.



Fry

# WMU Camps Are Set

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Camp held at any other place is just as good. Five locations selected to be within reasonable driving distance and driving time for every church WMU leader will host twelve identical training sessions August 13-29 at the following places:

August 13, 7-9 p.m., Oakhurst Baptist Church, Clarksdale; August 14, 9:45 a.m. - 2 p.m., Oakhurst Baptist Church, Clarksdale; August 14, 7-9 p.m., First Baptist Church, New Albany; August 15, 9:45 - 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, New Albany; August 20, 7-9 p.m., Camp Garaywa; August 21, 22, 23, 9:45 - 2 p.m., Camp Garaywa; August 27, 7-9 p.m., First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg; August 28, 9:45 - 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg; August 28, 7-9 p.m., Meadville Baptist Church; August 29, 9:45 - 2 p.m., Meadville Baptist Church.

Leaders for the conferences, in one of which each church WMU worker will find the training she needs, are Mississippi women who have learned both by being active in places in leadership in their own church WMU organizations and by attending WMU

Conference at either Glorieta or Ridgecrest during the time of preparation for leading WMU Camp conferences in Mississippi. They are women who are dedicated enough to the missions education program in the local church to use five weeks of their lives this summer to help other women of equal dedication to improve their knowledge and leadership skills.

Conferences will be offered in all phases of WMU work, with two conferences for inexperienced WMU officers and presidents. Personnel for the conferences will include the staff of the Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union as well as other qualified leaders throughout the state.

The only difference in what will be offered at Garaywa and at the church locations will be lunch. At Garaywa the usual hot lunch will be served. Those attending at church locations will need to bring a sack lunch. Cold drinks will be available at lunch time.

Cost for the 1979 WMU Camp is \$4.00 for day meetings at Garaywa (\$2.75 for lunch, \$1.25 for registration) and \$1.25 for registration at night meeting at Garaywa and at the church meetings.

# Associational Officers' Leadership Training Set

On Saturday, August 25, associational officers throughout the state will have an opportunity to receive training in leadership skills. Meetings will be held in three areas — First Baptist Church, Columbia; First Baptist Church, Carthage; and First Baptist Church, Oxford.

All three meetings will begin at 10 a.m. and conclude at 2:30 p.m. A complimentary lunch will be served at noon.

Conferences will be held for associational directors of missions, moderators, clerks, missions committee chairmen, directors of evangelism, stewardship chairmen, church administration-pastoral ministries coordinators, and Christian action chairmen.

Training will also be available for associational leaders of all age-level departments in Sunday School, Church Training, Brotherhood, and WMU. Another conference will train associational church music directors.

All associational leaders are encouraged to attend the meeting in their area. Mileage expense will be provided for each associational worker

attending on the rate of 4-cents per person per mile on a round-trip basis. Expense slips will be given to the driver of each car at the meeting.

## Plane Crash

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There was no fire."

Mrs. Porter, the Elmcrest Baptist Church member who was injured in the crash, was seated on the right side of the plane.

"The wing went down and you could feel that the engine never fully revved," she said. "The plane dipped. Everybody yelled, 'Hey, don't kid.' They thought the pilot was playing with them, but I knew he wasn't."

Mrs. Porter had an interview after the crash with a radio reporter in the emergency room at Charles Harwood Memorial Hospital in Christiansted on St. Croix Island. She was successful in sending an appeal for Baptists of St. Kitts to come be with their friends from west Texas.

# Hollis Named To Family Committee

WASHINGTON (BR) — An official of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission has been appointed to a 40-member national advisory committee which will help plan and implement the long-stalled White House Conference on Families.

Harry N. Hollis Jr., associate executive secretary and director of family and special moral concerns for the Nashville-based agency, is the only Southern Baptist representative to be named to the advisory committee.

The committee, comprised of 20 women and 20 men representing business, labor, religion, social services and "grassroots" segments of American society, held its first meeting in Washington July 19-20 to lay the groundwork for the national conference.

Proposed by Jimmy Carter in his 1976 presidential campaign, the White House Conference on Families was to

have been held this year, but it has been delayed by key resignations on the conference staff.

The conference is now scheduled for the summer of 1980. Major goals outlined by the advisory committee, Hollis said, include providing a forum for nationwide discussion of family-related issues, evaluating the impact of public policy on families and stimulating action within private and public sectors which will support and strengthen families.

President Carter, who met with the advisory committee at the White House, emphasized his personal support for the conference which he hopes will enrich and strengthen family life. He outlined some of the problems facing the American family and pointed out that families "are very much a part" of the "crisis of confidence" which he described in a recent address to the nation.

# House Supports Private Schools' Tax Exemption

WASHINGTON (BP) — Three amendments affecting church-operated schools were added to the Treasury-Postal Services Appropriations Bill by the U. S. House of Representatives before sending it to the Senate for action.

The House adopted one amendment, by a vote of 297 to 63, which would have the effect of stopping an Internal Revenue Service procedure threatening private school tax exemption because of alleged racial discrimination.

The amendment would "prohibit the use of appropriated funds to formulate or carry out any rule or policy which would cause the loss of tax-exempt status to private, religious, or church-operated schools unless in effect prior to August 22, 1978."

A second amendment attached to the bill specifies the particular procedures private schools have objected to since the announcement in the "Federal Register" last August. The IRS proposal threatens the loss of tax-exempt status unless private and religious schools meet certain quotas of minority students and staff.

The third amendment attached to the appropriations bill would allow an individual to claim a charitable deduction on income tax even if the contribution was, in effect, payment for tuition at a religious school.

The Senate Appropriations Committee has not yet begun consideration of the measure so it is expected to be several weeks before the full Senate acts.



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## Editorials

Adrian Rogers . . .

## "Love Is The Theme For SBC President

The election of Adrian Rogers as president of the Southern Baptist Convention was surrounded by political activity that had never before been experienced in Southern Baptist life. Rogers himself, however, dissociates himself from the activity and from the groups engaging in the activity. He is a pastor in a neighboring city just across the Tennessee state line. We need to be aware of what he has to say. He says his term as president will be one of transparency and openness. We must believe him.

A great deal has been said about the activity that preceded the election in Houston. Rogers is asking for a chance to be judged on his own merit rather than having to begin his term of office under a cloud of misunderstanding because of the actions of others.

Shortly following his election Rogers spent two hours with just the editors of Southern Baptist state papers. He had been involved in a general press conference before that and no doubt had spent a great deal of time with well wishers and others who wanted to ask questions. The Southern Baptist editors asked for time with him alone, however, and he cancelled another engagement to grant the request.

It was a rewarding session, and it revealed a warm and open individual. Not nearly all that came out of the session can be explained, of course. Hopefully, we will be able to explain his feelings, his positions, and his hopes in these few inches of space.

### Believes in the Scriptures

Without apology he is a man who believes in the Scripture as being the authoritative Word of God. As he outlined his beliefs before the group of Southern Baptist editors, he would find the broad cross-section of Southern Baptists walking down the road with him.

He defines his belief in biblical inspiration as verbal plenary. He says however, that he does not hold to a mechanical dictation theory. And that may be a key point in all of the discussion that is going on about the Bible at this time.

While Rogers very likely would have been elected without the political activity that preceded the election, it was as a result of the activity that his name was placed in nomination. The political activity was a result, according to the activists' statements, of the thought on the part of the activists that there is liberalism being taught in Southern Baptist seminaries. That liberalism, it has been said, stems from the notion that some professors in the seminaries do not believe in a verbal plenary inspiration of the Scriptures and thus do not believe in the inerrancy of the Bible. Those who have been on the other side of the discussion have backed away from professing a belief in a verbal plenary inspiration theory because of their understanding that it was to be equated with a mechanical dictation of the Scriptures.

So it seems that we have been engaged in what has amounted to a battle of words rather than a battle over the Bible. It was the people who nominated Rogers who started it; but that doesn't mean that Rogers, while he might agree with them, was a part of the activity that got him nominated. He says he wasn't. We have no choice but to believe him.

The great host of Baptists claim to believe in the complete inspiration of the Scriptures, and that is what is meant by the plenary part of the theory. And while they may not believe in a mechanical dictation, or word by word dictation of the Scriptures, they do believe that God guarded the authors from making errors as they wrote. Rogers would seem to agree with this, for he said when he talks of verbal inspiration he means that every word is pure.

Let it be said again that the inerrancy flap may very well be a side issue. The Rogers election, once he was nominated, seemed to be more a ground swell of action by many who had felt that they had very little voice in the affairs of the convention and saw in Rogers one such as they were.

Let's let Rogers speak for himself. He began his news conference by asking for the prayers of Southern Baptists. He said he has much to learn and declared that he hadn't gone to the convention to be elected president. He said it was a surprise to him and noted that he is basically a pastor and his great love is the local church.

He declared his loyalty to Southern Baptists and said his proclivity is in church building. He strives for a positive spirit and has never had a church split — not even a church problem.

He admits to having firm convictions and said Southern Baptists gave them to him. Paramount among these convictions is that the Bible is the Word of God. He believes in missions, evangelism, and love, he said. He is not mad at anyone but the devil and not against anything but sin.

He met his wife in the fourth grade. They became serious about each other in the sixth grade, he said, and they never dated any others. He said he feels his wife, Joyce, is closer to the Lord than he is.

His church gives 6 percent of its income to the Cooperative Program, and he believes in the Cooperative Program. He added that he does not believe that any part of it should be used in any way contrary to the beliefs of Southern Baptists.

In answer to questions, he said that he does not believe that the Paige Patterson - Paul Pressler political actions of this year should be a pattern for the future, but that they did only what had been done for years — they simply did a better job of it, he said. He wished we could just go to conventions and elect the new presidents from the floor.

He said he never attended a meeting of the Patterson - Pressler efforts and does not belong to Patterson, to Pressler, or to the convention. He belongs to Jesus. He said he loves Patterson and Pressler; but if he can't be the president of all Southern Baptists, "I have no business being president."

### Favors Committee

He indicated that he would favor a committee to investigate the seminaries if it were fair and balanced and not a witch hunt. He believes the seminary presidents would be friends of the truth and would favor the right kind of committee.

Any plans he has for his tenure as president, he said, would be extremely premature. He intends to set a tone of love and be positive, honest, transparent, and loving but not compromising. We have processes to take care of our needs, he said.

Any appointments he makes, he said, will be people who believe in the inerrancy of the Scriptures. He will not ask them to sign a statement as such, for that would be distasteful. He would not knowingly appoint anyone who did not believe that way. He has never asked signatures of Sunday School teachers or deacons.

Concerning the word battle, Rogers sees no reason for quibbling over

words. He says he can call the Bible what we want to call it — God's Word is God's Word. "Most Southern Baptists believe that," he said.

He said if Southern Baptists will give him a chance and will love him they will find him loving and transparent. He believes in soul winning and evangelism.

In his earlier conference with all news media Rogers said he doesn't know of a "super" church that is on the verge of leaving the SBC. He has heard of some smaller ones that were so included if there is not a new emphasis on the Bible as being the inerrant Word of God.

He declared that for all of his life his heart has been beating for missions and evangelism. He said he had never felt that Southern Baptists have emphasized evangelism too much to the exclusion of orthodoxy but he has questioned those who have felt that a slide from evangelism to orthodoxy would be dangerous. Former President Jimmy Allen made such a statement immediately prior to the convention. Rogers said he doesn't believe it's an "either-or" situation but a "both-and."

### Inseparably Linked

"Our zeal will never be greater than our convictions," he said. "Our convictions come from God." He added that theology and outreach are inseparably wed together. "The churches that lead in evangelism are those where the pastors preach the Word," he declared.

Allen's statement, however, was not concerning a general trend but was related to the business that was to take place at the convention in Houston. Rogers' charge, which he also had made during his address before the Pastors' Conference and during which time he had accused the state papers of making "ridiculous" statements, illustrates the differing concepts of the nature of the convention — whether it should be an organization to carry out missions enterprises or a body concerned primarily with orthodoxy. Rogers' charge before the Pastors' Conference was that some Baptist papers were saying to "forget orthodoxy and go on with evangelism."

This was not the case. The papers were quoting Allen as he said, "Such a shift of emphasis (from missions to orthodoxy) would be tragic because it would make us miss God's initiatives at a time when we are in a unique position to become a flash point in spiritual awakening. . . . My only apprehension is creating an atmosphere at the convention resulting in an erosion of trust in denominational leadership and in shifting the denomination's priorities from evangelism and missions to biblical inerrancy."

Rogers said he loves Mid America Seminary and has never heard any other seminary criticized by Mid America. For awhile Mid America Seminary was housed in his church buildings. It now has its own buildings. He pointed out that every professor at Mid America is a Southern Baptist and every one belongs to a local church where some percentage of the income goes to the Cooperative Program. He said that 96 percent of the students are Southern Baptists.

He said Mid America exists to protect the verbal plenary inspiration theory, not a belief in mechanical dictation, and to contend that every word is pure.

"I will not desert any of my friends because I am president of the Southern Baptist Convention," he declared. "I will continue to support Mid America Seminary, but I will not use the presidency as a platform to push it."

He said he is not a member of the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship, but he has been. He added that the Southern Baptist Journal, the publication of the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship, has not articulated the concerns "as I feel them," and he finally announced that he would have to leave the Fellowship.

In addition to the 6 percent his church gives to the Cooperative Program it gives 20 percent to missions generally and its Annie Armstrong and Lottie Moon offerings are above that.

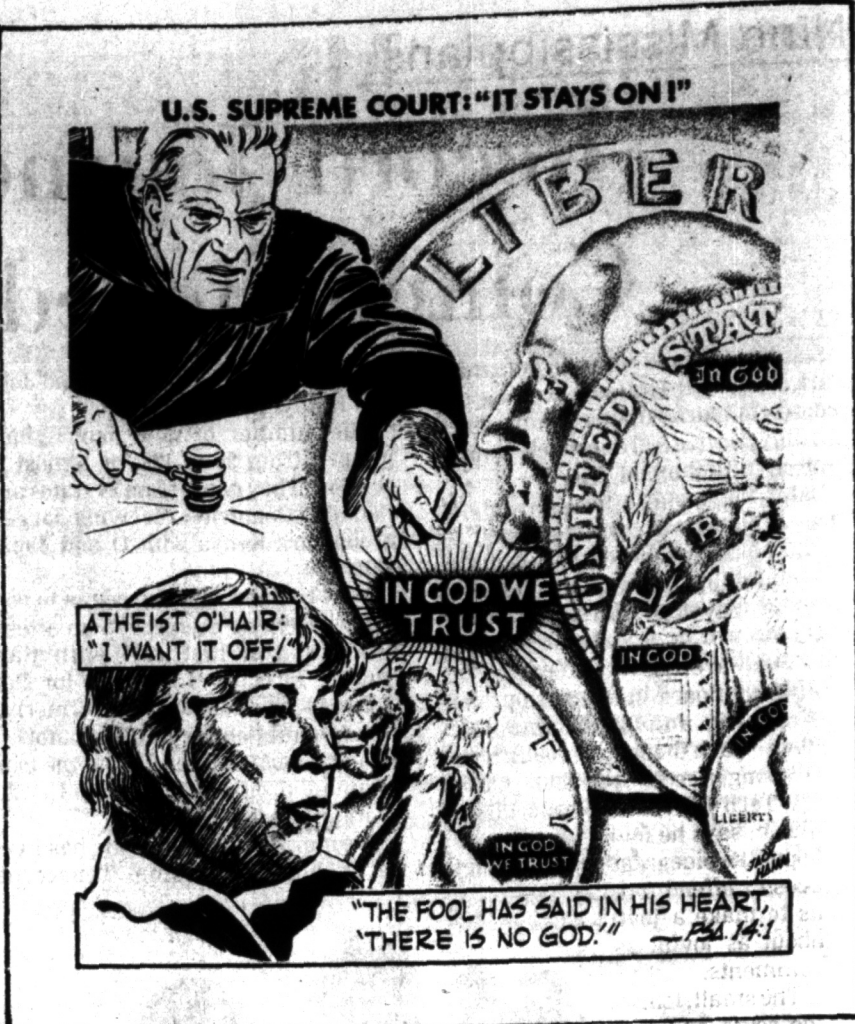
He said none of the seminaries outside the convention would have a chance if those inside would take a positive stance on biblical inspiration. "The question has been and always will be the autographs (the original manuscripts), not mechanical dictation," he said. He added, "I am not going to argue on interpretation, but I will argue on acceptance. I am willing to stay by what the Scripture says. All Scriptures are inspired." He said we cannot say the Bible is not the Word of God and win souls with it. He believes that we should not have anyone teaching who does not believe in the complete inspiration and inerrancy of the original autographs. "Some people on both sides confuse the issue with words," he declared.

"Thank God for the professor who can take the Scripture and examine it and come back to what God gave us," he said.

Without question, the great mass of Southern Baptists would agree with Rogers on his interests, and they would not necessarily part company with him on his statements of biblical inspiration. With him they would not want teachers in the seminaries who would question the complete inspiration of the Scriptures. The question remains, however, are they there? There has been no conclusive proof presented yet. If a committee were appointed, as Rogers suggested, it would need to deal through the trustees rather than the administration. Let's let the trustees serve as the committees. If the convention has doubts about certain situations, it can instruct the trustees to investigate and then call for an accounting. That is our system. Let's use it, if we feel the need.

In the meantime, we have a new president who is asking for a chance to be understood. Surely we must grant it. He is pastor of the largest Southern Baptist church east of the Mississippi River and the second largest in the convention. He is a man who has reached great heights of attainment, yet he is a man of humility and warmth. For the moment let's wipe from our memories the political activities of the past few months and concentrate on the Southern Baptist Convention with Adrian Rogers as its president. He is for missions and evangelism as they would be embodied in Bold Mission Thrust.

Let's move on with our business.



## Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

### A Glimpse Of Gulfshore

Some folks' faces got wet last week in the rains that Tropical Storm Claudette sent ahead to Gulfshore. Other faces got sunburned from swimming or tennis or sailing, before and after the rains.

Among the people registered for the SBC Communications Seminar on the Mississippi coast were some faces new to me, and some that were familiar. Faces beamed. Few frowned. These guests from other states, I think, liked what they saw at our assembly.

The friendly Wilsons, L. H. and Imogene from Nashville, kept saying how impressed they were with Gulfshore. He is supervisor of Broadman Advertising at the Sunday School Board. On Tuesday morning he handed me a poem he had written:

A point of land beside the sea  
Just marsh and swamp to you and me  
A land of sand and bugs and such  
Could such as this amount to much?

A people came; they had a thought  
Could it serve a need we know?  
Could this be useful if we bought  
To harvest crops from seed we sow?

Nature thrust her strongest fury  
At times along the way.  
She said you must be a strong people  
If you come to this point to stay.

That strong and hearty people  
With their eyes turned toward God:  
With your help we'll build a fortress  
On this land of sandy sod

For assembly and for renewal  
To prepare for future days  
A place to come together  
To study and give praise.

To God we are grateful  
Our heart within us pounds  
When we see raised from ruins  
Gulfshore Baptist Assembly grounds.

Isn't it strange that no matter where you go, you find someone who knows someone you know? Betsy Hollis, of Atlanta, editor of a monthly publication of Georgia Baptist Children's Homes, said that often she has gone to my hometown of LaFayette, Ala. to see her aunt, Mrs. Virginia Yarbrough, and her grandmother, Mrs. Allie Parrish. The same Dr. Wheeler who took out my tonsils when I was

seven delivered Betsy's sister. (Her brother, Princeton Hollis, lives in Meridian.)

Jim Cox, associate editor of Kentucky's Western Record, asked me when I was going to update my book about Gulfshore, *Beside the Point*. I told him I didn't know. Probably the 25th anniversary of the assembly, in the mid-80's, would be a good time for that.

Bracey Campbell, III, formerly of Jackson, was on program. He is director now of news and information, Office of Communications, Sunday School Board, Nashville. His dark hair and eyes reminded me of his father, Frank. Too, I recalled the face of his grandfather, Bracey, when he used to come into the Baptist Record office to bring the Sunday School lesson comments that he wrote for many years before his death.

Amazingly, the faces of W. C. and Libby Fields are not too different from the way they looked when the couple left Mississippi to move to Nashville 20 years ago. He directed the seminar and led the Sunday morning worship hour. Ahead of time he had asked participants to write "I know" at the top of a sheet of note paper, and follow that with a list of "verities." All read their lists on Sunday morning. I am told, but I was not present, because I went to visit the Spanish church in Biloxi, to interview the pastor. My list, which I didn't read aloud, began with these:

I know that cold watermelon tastes almost as good as fresh strawberries.  
I know that I miss W. D. when he is at one place and I at another.

I know it feels good to walk barefoot on a wet sand beach.

I know it can be difficult to find the exact words to express a certain feeling. I know that satisfaction comes when I do find the right word.

I know Whose Signature belongs on the seascape when a pale pink sunset slides through the dark clouds and shines across the dull grey breakers.

I know the name of the Artist who painted a rainbow in the morning over the Gulf at Henderson Point.

I know that God is love.

### Guest Opinion . . .

## "May I Call You Daniel, Too?"

By Ruby K. Poole, Macon

As my husband was driving up to a small rural church where he was to attend a funeral, he noticed a young boy three or four years old directing the traffic, on his own, of course. Trying to obey the little fellow's directions, my husband parked the car. As he was getting out, he thanked him for his help and said, "Hi, son. What is your name?"

"My name is Daniel," the little boy replied.

"Oh, you must be Daniel Gresham," said my husband, thinking he was probably the pastor's son.

"No, I'm just Daniel."

"Where do you live?" asked my

husband.

The little boy pointed to the parsonage.

"Then you are Daniel Gresham," my husband replied.

He said, "No, I'm just Daniel."

My husband thought he would close the conversation by saying, "May I call you Daniel, too?"

But the little boy replied again, "No. I am not Daniel too. I am just Daniel!"

My husband returned home quite amused by young Daniel. As he related the story to me, I thought of young Daniel in the Bible. How emphatic he must have been in the face of captivity to purpose in his own heart to serve God.

These are the positions open in the church: deacons; Sunday School director and teachers; musicians, including a music director, organist, and pianist; and youth director among others. Those who fulfill qualifications in any of the areas needed by the church are urged to contact me.

We have plenty of work to do to make a Baptist feel wanted and at home. And the mountains and fishing, hunting, camping, whatever you like to do, is generally close by.

Dan Mitchell  
Pastor

## Letters To The Editor

### Need In Hawaii

Editor:

On Thursday night, July 5, burglars broke into the building of the First Baptist Church, Aiea, Hawaii, a suburb of Honolulu; and after ransacking the offices, the thieves built a bonfire and burned the entire church to the ground.

Insurance will cover most of the cost of the building with a comparable structure; but due to an oversight when the insurance was adjusted a few months ago, the coverage for the contents was not increased, and the insurance will not nearly cover the cost of replacing the equipment and furnishings which was lost.

Work of the church did not stop because of the fire, for just two days later, on Saturday, July 7, a tent was erected on the grounds so that services could be held on Sunday.

Friends from other churches, both Baptists and other denominations, and including many from Pearl Harbor Church where we served (it is located about five miles from the Aiea church), came to assist with demolition and cleanup. Numerous gifts of cash and of chairs and other equipment began to come immediately. Even now plans are under way for erection of a new building on the site,

which is on a hill overlooking Pearl Harbor.

The pastor of Aiea Church, Rev. John Britton, writes, "Joe, we lost almost everything. We have no membership roll, no equipment, and no furniture. The church is completely gutted. The only thing noteworthy that we saved was the pulpit and the Lord's Supper table."

"During this particular time we are meeting under a tent for the morning and evening worship. Our Sunday school classes are meeting on the lawn under parachutes. We have had to build sheds and rent portable office space. So in this position we are having to spend money right and left in just getting started again. . . . money which we do not actually have. Our people are a people of faith and are giving all they can, and the people of Hawaii are giving."

I have a feeling that there may be churches, and individuals, in Mississippi who would like to reach out a hand to encourage and help this pastor and congregation right now. I know that many have shared in the emergencies which the flood brought to our own state, but here is opportunity to go a second mile. Already Mrs. Odle and I have sent a check, and we hope that many others will feel led to join us.

Checks may be made to the First Baptist Church, Aiea, and mailed to Rev. John Britton, Pastor, First Baptist Church, 99-611 Ulune St., Honolulu, HI, 96701.

Thank you for joining us in praying for and sharing with this congregation in what is truly a Pioneer Missions area.

Joe T. Odle,  
Jackson

As Mississippi Baptists will recall, Dr. Odle was editor of the Baptist Record for 17 years until his retirement three years ago. He spent about eight months during 1978 and 1979 as interim pastor of First Southern Baptist Church of Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. — Editor

### Baptists Needed in the

#### Rockies

Editor:

First Southern Baptist Church, Rangely, Colorado, has a shortage of leaders. And the church council has decided to do something about it. At a recent meeting, the council decided to launch a Chamber of Commerce-type advertising campaign to let Baptists around the country know what jobs are available and what advantages there might be in relocating in the 2,300-

population town on Colorado's Western Slope. While Rangely is fairly remote, we do have jobs available in the town and in the public school system. Various jobs are open in the oil fields and other energy-related jobs, as part of the "energy explosion." Also, there are "support" and "service" connected jobs in which Baptists might find jobs. For example, the local school system needs a high school biology teacher, an English teacher, and a football coach. Another need is for an assistant varsity basketball coach. The coaching jobs could be combined with another of the regular teaching assignments. The school system needs also a male physical education instructor, a junior high reading teacher, elementary art teacher, and a teacher for the second grade. Baptists interested in applying may contact

Superintendent of Schools Wiley W. Kelley, (303) 675-8997, or write to Kelley at Rangely Public School System, 81648. Baptists wanting information on other jobs in the area may call me evenings at (303) 675-2009.

These are the positions open in the church: deacons; Sunday School director and teachers; musicians, including a music director, organist, and pianist; and youth director among others. Those who fulfill qualifications in any of the areas needed by the church are urged to contact me.

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# Summer Missionaries Sing Blue Grass And Good News

By Julie Poole  
DOGPATCH, U.S.A. (Harrison, Ark.) — Some visitors to the Dogpatch U.S.A. theme park in Arkansas may be astonished to see a chapel on the premises. Once inside, they're in for an even bigger surprise.

Instead of the traditional organ music (this chapel doesn't even contain a piano, much less an organ!) they hear banjo and guitar picking. Keith Young and Mike Cashwell play and sing anything from bluegrass to gospel every day for those passing by the chapel.

They are Southern Baptist Home Mission Board student summer missionaries, and as chaplains of the theme park their ministry is unusual.

Young, a recent graduate of Tennessee Tech University with a degree in music, says he loves banjo music and hopes the bluegrass style they perform doesn't offend anyone. "God said for us to make a joyful noise and that's about as joyful as you can get," he comments.

The small, long cabin-style chapel at the south end of the park serves as headquarters. Sometimes the chaplains stand on the porch, attracting crowds of all ages.

"We take requests, too," Young says, "but most of the time people say just anything is fine. So we have our own tune entitled 'Just Anything Is Fine.'"

The two young men believe the Lord put them together as partners to learn patience and understanding. "I talk a lot," says Cashwell, a 19-year-old Campbell University student from Laurinburg, N.C., "and Keith has had to learn to listen. On the other hand, I've had to learn not to ask him what's wrong if he's not talking very much."

They live in a campground near Dogpatch, where their trailer sits in a circle with those of the park employees — concession workers, ride operators and entertainers.

"The greatest thing about this ministry is our work with the employees here," Cashwell says. "They (the employees) will come to the chapel and talk to Keith and me, telling us problems and knowing we won't tell everyone in the park before the day's over."



Young says the majority of the employees tend to become bored — especially the entertainers, who do the same show eight times a day, six days a week. "Then after they leave the park, there's even less to do," he says.

The two laughed about the phrases that have been coined to describe them and their work. Young says he and Cashwell are known at the park as "those religious guys", or, even more commonly, as the "watch-out-here-they-come guys."

But the "religious guys" don't mind the fun poked at them. The jokes just

serve to remind them they are constantly watched by people.

"When you make your stand as a Christian, others watch to see if you live up to your profession," Cashwell says. "We've gained their trust. They know we don't condone a lot of the things they do, and they respect us, but they'll talk to us because they know we won't approach them with our Bibles and condemn them."

"We just love them," Young says. (Julie Poole is an HMB summer journalism intern.)

## Nicaragua Center Reopens; Looting Reports Prove False

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received in Tegucigalpa that the bookstore had been looted proved to be wrong. Another evangelical bookstore in Managua did suffer loss of about 50 percent of its stock when looters broke in.

The Baptist store had been closed since June 5 when a nationwide strike and fighting brought all normal activities to a halt.

Garcia and Obando hope to continue to operate the center on a limited basis to supply Sunday School literature, Bibles and books to churches and the few clients who have funds on hand. Stamps instructed the employees to

see that the dated Sunday School literature was distributed to regular customers who had made reservations and to give away that which could not be sold.

In another telephone report from Managua, Stamps was told that Sunday School attendance in Managua's First Baptist Church on a recent Sunday was over 200 (normal attendance is 300 or more). A number of casualties have been reported among Baptist church members but the total is not known. Jairo Gutierrez Flores, employee responsible for the book deposit in Managua, was wounded when fragments from a rocket blast penetrated both thighs. No ligaments were

shattered and no bone damage resulted, although there was considerable damage of leg muscles. He had been working with Stamps since the book deposit was set up in September 1976.

For now, the two Southern Baptist missionary families assigned to Nicaragua are temporarily assigned to Honduras. Missionary journeymen Steve and Paula Baumgardner will help in mission accounting and secretarial responsibilities and Stanley and Glenna Stamps will be involved in field evangelism and relief work among the more than 40,000 Nicaraguan refugees in southern Honduras.

(Stamps is a Mississippi native and Mrs. Stamps is from Texas. Baumgardner is from New York and Mrs. Baumgardner is a Florida native.)

## Brotherhood Trustees Elect Smith Director

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to his election to let his name be submitted as the search committee's choice.

"I'm excited about what God has in store for us," Smith said. "Just as this is the year of the child, I'm convinced that the next 10 years will become known as the decade of the laity."

Men with ability and means are asking Southern Baptists to give them handles to take part in sharing the Christian message, Smith added.

"I'm a churchman. I believe anything that God does that's lasting is church related. The only reason that para-church movements are strong is that the church hasn't been strong in those areas," he said. "I believe these next 10 years will be the most exciting decade in the history of the Christian church."

As chief administrative officer of the Illinois Baptist State Association since 1967, Smith led the state convention to increase its percentage of Cooperative Program gifts going to worldwide Southern Baptist causes by five percent and to reach new records in gifts through the Cooperative Program and to state missions.

He also led in the construction of a new state convention headquarters building in Springfield at a cost of almost \$2 million.

Smith's first pastorate was at First Baptist Church of Westville, Okla., 1946-51. He served at First Baptist Church, Paris, Ark., 1951-54; Wallace Avenue Baptist Church, Shawnee, Okla., 1954-55; First Baptist Church, Raytown, Mo., 1955-61; and First Baptist Church, Ferguson, Mo., 1963-67.

Named to the Missouri Baptist executive board in 1957 for a four-year term, Smith was elected chairman of the Missouri Baptist executive committee in 1960. He became associate executive secretary of the Missouri

Baptist executive committee in 1960. He became associate executive secretary of the Missouri Baptist Convention in 1961, where he worked for two years before returning to the pastorate.

A trustee of the Home Mission Board during 1958-66, Smith also served as recording secretary of the Fellowship of State Executive Secretaries, 1970-73. He is currently a trustee of Judson College, Elgin, Ill., and Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo., and a member of the board of overseers of Boyce Bible School of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Born near Somerville, Ala., Smith was graduated from Priceville High School near Decatur, Ala., in 1939, and received a diploma from Moody Bible Institute in 1943. He earned a bachelor of arts degree from John Brown University and a bachelor of divinity degree, masters degrees in religious education and theology and a doctorate in theology, all from Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo.

He is married to the former Nona Lee Lockwood of Ponca City, Okla., where he was ordained to the ministry. They have three sons and a daughter.

Smith, who will begin his new duties on Sept. 15, will receive a salary of \$35,978. The trustees also approved \$7,600 for the purchase of a new commission car for Smith's use, and \$2,000 to operate it during the next 12 months.

The employment package also included agency funding of a retirement annuity in the amount of 10 percent of Smith's base salary, payment of premiums for hospitalization and a 120,000 life insurance policy.

The commission provides guidance in missions for almost 500,000 men and boys in more than 15,000 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention.

## Summer Missionaries Find Frustrations, Triumphs

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excited and thank God for this opportunity to share Him with the girls." — Becky Arceneaux (Carey), Aberdeen, South Dakota.

"This week has been spent in Lahad Datu — probably the most undeveloped place we will stay in, but the people are just as receptive. Again, we visited the jungles, this time Tringhu, a scattered village of 1,000 people. This was perhaps the highlight of the week because we were only the second white people to ever enter the area. Needless to say, we were 'the main attraction.' Again, we had to use an interpreter, an experience that can make you feel isolated as you feel you can't truly communicate." — Christ Smith (MC), Singapore.

"My work has been pretty flexible.

## Church Growth Focus Of August Meetings

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defines church growth as 'all that is involved in bringing men and women who do not have a personal relationship to Jesus Christ into fellowship with Him and into responsible church membership.'

According to Bryant Cummings, director of the Sunday School department, Neil E. Jackson, Jr., growth consultant, Sunday School Department, BSSB, will speak in all six conferences. Jackson, who has served churches in Louisiana, Texas, and Arkansas before joining the Sunday School Board staff, will speak on the topic "The Growth Spiral."

Harold T. Bryson, associate professor of preaching at New Orleans Semi-

Society Hill, Oakvale: July 29-Aug. 5; Paul Tsika, with the Fires of Revival ministry in Zachary, La., evangelist; services at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Bill Hall and Kiddy Widdon of William Carey College, leading the music; Ray Henry, pastor.

Wayside Church, Scooby: Aug. 5-10; Lannie Wilbourn, pastor, Pine Lake Church, Brandon, evangelist; David Briscoe, pastor, New Henleyfield Church, Carriere, in charge of music; Darrell Briscoe, interim pastor. (The entire team is "home-grown," states Darrell Briscoe. Lannie Wilbourn and David and Darrell Briscoe all grew up in the Wayside community and were licensed and ordained by the Wayside Church.)

West Marks Church, Marks: Aug. 5-10; Robert E. Jones, pastor at Washington Church, Washington, Miss., evangelist; Tommy Kelly, Blue Mountain student, from Itta Bena, directing the music.

Bunker Hill, Columbia: Aug. 5-10; at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; George Meadows, pastor of First Church, Oak Grove, La., evangelist; Paul W. Ball, Foley, Ala., music evangelist; Wanda Robbins, Diane Wilks, and Faye Perry, accompanists; David Perry, pastor.

Mantee Church (Webster): Aug. 5-10; Jim Bain, Oxford, evangelist; Ron Lambe, North Oxford Church, music evangelist; services 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Paul Thibadeaux, pastor.

First, Sardis: Aug. 19-24; Benny Jackson of Memphis, Tenn., evangelist; Sonny Rios, Dallas, Tex., music evangelist; G. C. "Bill" Cox, pastor.

Rocky Point Church (Leake): August 5-10; Howard Aultman, former pastor of First Church, Columbia, evangelist; Robert Bain, music director; homecoming services Sunday at 10:30 a.m.; weekday services at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Curtis E. James, pastor.

Ebenezer Church, Senatobia: August 5-10. Sunday services at regular times; weekdays at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Guy Culver, New Albany, preaching; Jerry Beatty, Holly Springs, leading music. Mrs. George Parker and Mrs. Sidney White, accompanists. Claude Lezman, pastor.

Liberty Hill Church (Panola): August 5-10 Charles Stubblefield, pastor, Ecru Church, evangelist; James Lee Bailey, pastor. Evening service August 5 at 7:30; two services daily remainder of week at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Siloam Church (Clay): August 5-10. Keith Fordham, evangelist; Mike Woodson, music leader. Walter Frederick, pastor.

Michael Memorial Church, Gulfport: August 13-16. Charles Williams, evangelist; Bob Dyess, music leader. Services nightly at 7:30. Robert Mack, pastor.

Weathersby Church (Simpson): August 5-10. S. W. Valentine, guest speaker. Sunday service at 11 a.m., followed by dinner on the grounds and afternoon service at 1:30. Services Monday through Friday at 7:30 p.m. Johnny Jones, pastor.

Holly Springs Church, Foxworth: Aug. 5-10; James Messer, evangelist.

Calvary Church, Canton, August 5-10. C. J. Olander, Meridian, evangelist; George Dukes, Canton, music director. Special services Sunday at 10 a.m. include emphasis to retire debt on pastor's home followed by homecoming dinner on the grounds and an afternoon hymn-sing. Evening service at 7 p.m. Monday-Friday services at 7:30 p.m. Joe Hill, pastor.

Locust Street Church (Pike) Aug. 12-17; services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday and at 7 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; Ray Pridgen, pastor of Friendship Church, McComb, evangelist; Thomas Wick-er, pastor.

Zion Hill near Liberty: Aug. 5-10; Wayne Berry, pastor, Galilee Church, Gloster, evangelist; Willard McAllister, song leader; Mildred Gill, pianist; Houston Anglin, pastor; homecoming on Sunday, Aug. 5, with dinner on the ground and services at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.; Mon.-Fri. at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

First Church, Wiggins: August 5-10; James Fancher, evangelist; R. L. and Beth Sigrest, musicians; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekday services at 12:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. James W. Street, pastor.

Jayess Church: Aug. 5-10; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; nightly at 7:30 p.m.; lunch served Sunday noon; Ken Marler, pastor of the Bethel Church, Monticello, evangelist; music under direction of Victor L. Walsh, dentist, and deacon of the First Church, McComb; Brenda Mince, organist for Gault Avenue Church, Fort Payne, pianist; Michael Mitchell, pastor.

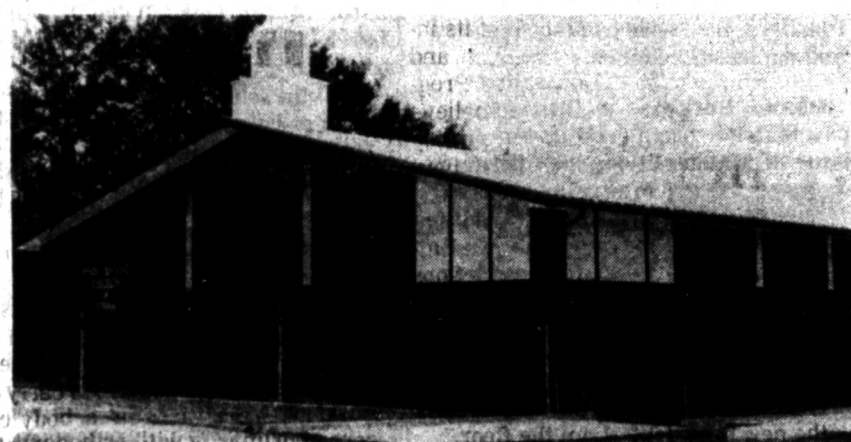
## Newsbriefs

Keene, N. H. (RNS) — Student interest in religion has noticeably increased in the last five years and the trend is expected to continue, according to an informal spot check of liberal arts colleges and universities across the nation. Among indications of rising religious interest on campuses are the growing popularity of religion courses, the swelling of student attendance at religious assemblies, and experiments that indicate bible-based community living.

Philadelphia (RNS) — The Lutheran Church in America (LCA) is setting up a program to help clergy leave the ordained ministry. An "Options Program" which will be tested in the denomination in the fall will help clergy who want to leave the ministry identify marketable skills, set personal and career objectives, and practice job-search techniques.

The Bahamas National Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention met May 14-20, at St. James Baptist Church, Nassau, for the Day Sessions and at St. John's Baptist Church, Nassau, for the Night Sessions. The Theme was: "A Backward Glance — Future Advance," with the Scripture Text: Deut. 32:7. The Theme Song was "I'm Pressing on the Upward Way." Southern Baptist missionaries work with the Bahamas National Baptist Convention as resource persons on the Committees of the Convention.

## First Church, Lyman



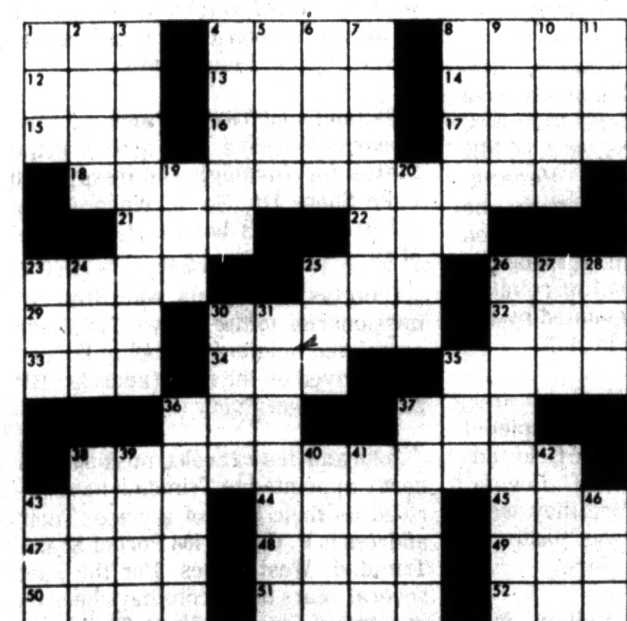
Dedication Day was Sunday, July 15, for a new sanctuary at First Church, Lyman, near Gulfport. Former pastor Wade Allen, director of missions, Pontotoc Association, preached the dedication message at 2 p.m. Members of the Moody Adams Evangelistic Team furnished music and gave testimonies. Dinner on the grounds was served.

The sanctuary is the third of a three-phase construction. Ground breaking was held for it on Aug. 6, 1978. An auditorium, dedicated in 1969 will be remodeled for Sunday School enlargement. A Children and Youth Building was dedicated in 1974.

The sanctuary worship capacity is 400 plus choir. Completion work was

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### ACROSS

- 1 Gold container (Isa. 46:6)
- 4 Longfellow, for one
- 8 Sold for wine (Joel 3:3)
- 12 Personality
- 13 Taro
- 14 Man (Gen. 46:17)
- 15 Room
- 16 After rack or muske
- 17 "Green Gables" girl
- 18 "helps, —" (1 Cor. 12)
- 21 "Be it — from thee" (Matt. 16)
- 22 Corode
- 23 Kind of offering (Joel 1:9)

### DOWN

- 2 Those in office
- 26 Possesses
- 29 Babylonian god (Jer. 50:2)
- 30 Waste maker
- 32 The Matterhorn (Ex. 36:2)
- 34 Exclamation
- 35 "— for us" (Heb. 13)
- 36 — Grande
- 37 Mournful
- 38 Kind of gospel (Rev. 14:6)
- 43 Presidential nickname: poss.
- 44 Concept
- 45 Wapiti
- 47 Angler's need

- 48 Jewish month
- 49 Bishopric
- 50 Disasters
- 51 Bride parts
- 52 Red, for one

- 1 "shall he — in the harvest" (Prov. 20)
- 2 Amalekite king (1 Sam. 15:8)
- 3 "But the — — — grace" (1 Pet. 5)
- 4 Simon (Matt. 4:18)
- 5 Russian river
- 6 Paradise
- 7 "fear hath —" (1 John 4)
- 8 "unto the — in Gath" (1 Chron. 20)
- 9 Contraction
- 10 Hurries
- 11 Prevaricate
- 19 Salt pit
- 20 Lessen
- 23 Academic degree: abbr.
- 24 Lamprey
- 25 O.T. book: abbr.
- 26 "and — of heart" (Mark 16)
- 27 Wing
- 28 Agent
- 30 Head covering
- 31 Called by Moses (Ex. 36:2)
- 35 City (1 Chron. 1:50)
- 36 Bases
- 37 Heavenly bodies
- 38 Mount (Josh. 8:30)
- 39 Pall
- 40 Ancestor of Jesus (Luke 3:28)
- 41 Judgment or mercy
- 42 Merriment
- 43 Ezekiah's mother (2 Ki. 18:2)
- 46 New Zealand parrot

(Answers on page 2)



# Names In The News . . .

Rebecca Ann Sinclair of Brookhaven, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Sinclair, has been awarded the SCOTCH PINE Scholarship to Mississippi College according to James Marshall, president of Alco Chemical of Brookhaven.

Sinclair, who established an outstanding record in both academics and athletics at Brookhaven High School, plans to enter Mississippi College this fall. The four-year scholarship was awarded as a result of her academic and athletic achievements.

Alco Chemical, scholarship sponsor, has been manufacturing household and institutional cleaners for the past eight years. They acquired nationwide distribution this year with SCOTCH PINE, a pine oil cleaner.

First Church, Yazoo City, ordained Tom Martin to the gospel ministry on July 15. Martin is the son of Mrs. L. V. Martin and the late Mr. Martin. He graduated from Jones County Junior College and is a student at Mississippi College.



Martin

First Church, Mt. Olive licensed him to the ministry in 1976. In 1978 he was summer missionary in Kenya. Also he has been active in BSU revival teams. He is pastor of Anding Church, Yazoo County.

The ordination sermon was preached by James F. Yates, pastor at First, Yazoo City. Lavon A. Hatten, director of missions for Warren and Yazoo Associations, gave the charge to the candidate. Charles J. Jackson, chairman of deacons, First, Yazoo City, presented the Bible.

Martin was the second to be ordained at First, Yazoo City, during July. Calvin Kelly was ordained on July 1.



JANIE BASS of the White Sand Baptist Church in Prentiss, takes a break during the hectic activities involving youngsters recently at Church Training Leadership Week at Ridgecrest Assembly.



KARLA JONES (left) of Petal Harvey Baptist Church, Petal, was among participants in Bible drill during the Church Training Leadership/Youth Conference at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, July 7-13. Shown with her is Lisa Matthews of First Baptist Church, Pineville, La.

J. B. Betts, music evangelist, and his family have moved from Brookhaven to Memphis. Their new address is 3462 Macon Road, Memphis, TN 38122.

Cedar Grove Church (Marion) ordained Charles Robert Jones on June 10 to the ministry of music. Robert Jones, father of Washington Church, Washington, Miss., delivered the ordination sermon and charge to the candidate. J. Courtney Selvy, pastor at Cedar Grove, presided.

Roger Orman of West Point, Miss. will begin a new job Aug. 24 as instructor in drama and speech and religion at Judson College, Marion, Ala. He won drama awards as a student at Wood Junior College and Mississippi State University. He has recently received the Master of Religious Education Degree at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

While attending M.S.U. he directed and produced major religious musicals at Calvary Baptist Church in West Point and was tour assistant for a small ensemble. After graduation he became West Point chief of the Redistricting Division of Comprehensive Planners, Inc., redistricting six cities and numerous counties.

Duane Burgess, a Hattiesburg psychiatrist, premiered in the July issue of *Mature Living: A Christian Magazine for Senior Adults*, with his bimonthly question and answer column, "Your Mind and Your Body."



Burgess

Burgess, a graduate of Mississippi College, received his M.D. from the University of Mississippi in 1958. He practiced general medicine until 1963 when he decided to make psychiatry his specialty.

After training at the Mental Health

Institute in Cherokee, Iowa; for three years, he stayed on to serve as chief of the Alcohol Treatment Service for 14 months.

He and his family moved to Hattiesburg in 1967 where they became active members of University Baptist Church and the community.



Hall

James C. (Jimmy) Hall was ordained to the gospel ministry recently at the Four Mile Creek Baptist Church, Escatawpa. The request for ordination came from Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church at Enid where Hall has assumed his first pastorate after graduating from Mid-America Baptist Seminary, Memphis, with a Diploma of Theology.

Rev. Donnie Boutwell, pastor of the Four Mile Creek Church, brought the charge to the church. Rev. Arzone Burns, pastor of the Steele Baptist Church, Forest, brought the charge to the candidate and preached the ordination message. Rev. Don Womble, pastor of the Oak Grove Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark., lead in the ordination prayer.

Hall is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Hall of Escatawpa and is married to the former Alice Fae Warren. The Halls have three children, Jeff, Andrea, and James Alan. They now reside in the parsonage at Mt. Pisgah.

Ann Crocker, assistant dean at Anderson College, Anderson, S. C., became new dean of students at Judson College Aug. 1, according to an announcement by N. H. McCrumm, president of the Baptist women's college at Marion, Ala. The new administrator is a member of the South Carolina Personnel Association and is a graduate of Anderson College, Lander College, and Clemson University, all in South Carolina. Last year

she was named South Carolina's "All American Girl" and was ranked third in national competition.

Wilbur W. Swartz, a member of the New Orleans Seminary faculty for 28 years, retired July 20. Swartz has been a professor of speech and preaching in the pastoral ministries division, and was chairman of that division at his retirement. The Shawnee, Okla., native was honored recently by faculty members and, in a separate dinner, by some of the students who have studied under him. During the dinners, Swartz was presented with several gifts, from a comical five-pound chocolate bar to a gold watch.

Elizabeth P. Allen has been named director of student support services at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., according to Elisabeth E. Lambert, assistant dean of students. In the new position, Mrs. Allen will be involved with student housing, student organizations, senior class activities and counseling.

A native of Mobile, Ala., she holds bachelor of science and master of education degrees from the University of Montevallo, Montevallo, Ala. She is married to William Loyd Allen of Cuba, Ala., a recent graduate of Southern Seminary.

Nine Mississippians received degrees recently from Luther Rice Seminary, Jacksonville, Fla., according to C. Michael Warr, the school's director of Alumni Affairs.

Doctoral graduates from Mississippi are D. W. Green, Edwards; David E. Hall, Plantersville; John C. Hilban, Jackson; Armond D. Taylor, Olive Branch; and Manuel Weeks, Grenada.

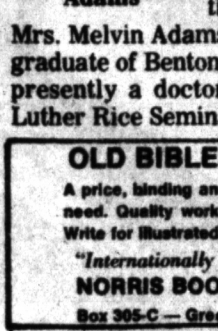
Those receiving master's degrees are John M. Adams, Jr., Laurel; Clarence Cooper, Jr., Vardaman; Raymond L. Glover, Verona; and Thomas M. Vinson, Corinth.

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John M. Adams, Jr. of Laurel has recently been selected to be placed in the 1979 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America. This is being presented in recognition of outstanding personal and professional achievements.  
Adams, pastor of Lebanon Baptist Church in Laurel, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Adams of Benton. A 1968 graduate of Benton High School, he is presently a doctoral student of the Luther Rice Seminary.



Adams

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## Missionary News

Clayton and Helen Bond, missionaries to Togo, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 135 Lakeview Dr., Sugarland, Texas 77478). Before they were appointed in 1958, he was pastor of South Columbia Church, Columbia, Miss.

George and Hilda Cowser, missionaries to Brazil, have returned to the field (address: Caixa 488, 29000 Vitoria, ES, Brazil). Son of missionaries, he was born in Brazil, and lived in Goodman, Miss., and Waco, Tex., while growing up.

Gerald and Glenda Davis, missionaries to the Philippines, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: c/o Mrs. Modean Brooks, Rt. 5, Box 278, Batesville, Miss. 38606).

David and Linda Finnell, missionaries to Malaysia-Singapore, have arrived on the field to begin their first term of service (address: 40 A-D, MK 17, Batu, Ferringhi, Penang, Malaysia). Born in Lexington, Ky., he also lived in Dallas, Texas; Jackson and Tupelo, Miss., while growing up. She is the former Linda Lipscomb of Jackson. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1978.

Harry and Donna Harper, missionaries to Colombia, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Apartado Aereo 80287, Bogota, D. E., Colombia). Before they were appointed in 1968, he was pastor of Bethel Church, Liberty, Miss.

James and Paulette Kellum, missionaries to the Philippines, may be addressed at 2444 Taft Ave., Manila, Philippines. They are natives of Mississippi.

Bob and Delores Magee, missionaries to Colombia, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Apartado Aereo 101039, Bogota, DE, Colombia). Both are natives of Mississippi.

David and Ollie Mae Mayhall, recently reappointed missionaries to Liberia, have arrived on the field (address: P. O. Box 1416, Monrovia, Liberia). They are natives of Mississippi.

John and Pauline Moore, emeritus missionaries, are on a temporary assignment in Turkey (address: Hatir Sokak 15, Apt. 3, Gazi Osman Pasa, Ankara, Turkey). A native of Mississippi, he was born in Clarksdale and grew up in Tupelo. She is the former Pauline Willingham of Macon, Ga. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1938 and retired in January 1978. They served in Europe.

Tom and Jane Sumrall, missionary associates to Brazil, may be addressed at Caixa 07-0558, 70000 Brasilia, DF, Brazil.

Thomas and Margaret Vassar, missionaries to Venezuela, have completed language study and arrived on the field (address: Apartado 159, Maracay 300, Venezuela). Before they were appointed in 1977, he was pastor of Mount Vernon Church and Amite River Church, Liberty, Miss.

Samuel and Ginny Cannata, missionaries to Kenya, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 4740 Lake Shore Dr. No. 8, Waco, Texas 76710). She was born in Greenville, Miss.

Douglas and Paula Ann Simrell, missionaries to the Ivory Coast, have completed language school in France and arrived on the field (address: BP 20812, Abidjan, Ivory Coast).

John and Jean Jacobs, missionaries newly appointed to Trinidad, have arrived on their field of service. Their address is P. O. Box 488 Port of Spain, Trinidad, West Indies. For the past several years the Jacobs have been on the staff of Clarke College. They were formerly missionaries to Guyana.

John and Nell Smith, missionaries to Indonesia, are still on furlough in the States, and plan to be in Mississippi for several more months. He is recuperating from a heart attack suffered early this year, and states that he is advancing very well. The Smiths are now living in the missionary home of Alta Woods Church, Jackson, at 2334 Coronet Place, Jackson, MS 39204.

Dorothy Emmons, missionary to Tanzania, has arrived in the States for furlough (address: Rt. 1, Box 140, Bogalusa, La. 70427). A native of Mississippi, she was born in Lake.

Raymond and Martha Ann Kolb, missionaries to Brazil, have arrived in

the States for furlough (address: 117 Trailwood Dr., Clinton, Miss. 39056). He is the Foreign Mission Board's field representative for Brazil.

Paul and Betty Roaten, missionaries to Uruguay, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 481 Jacks Creek Circle, Henderson, Tenn. 38340). A native of Mississippi, he was born in Tupelo. Before they were appointed in 1970, he was pastor of Temple Heights Church, Oxford.

## Supreme Court Rules Against Hospital

WASHINGTON (BP) — In a case involving Baptist Hospital of Nashville, Tenn., the Supreme Court ruled here that workers may be solicited for membership in a union in some parts of the hospital but not in others.

The dispute between the hospital and the union dates to 1974, when a local unit of the Service Employees International Union began organizing workers at the 600-bed hospital. The hospital then announced a new rule prohibiting union solicitation at all times in areas of the hospital accessible to or used by the public.

The union filed a complaint with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) which found that the hospital's ban on solicitation violated a section of the National Labor Relations Act and ordered the hospital to lift it.

When the hospital refused, the union sought to have a federal court of appeals enforce its order. The court refused, however, agreeing with hospital officials who claimed that solicitation anywhere on the premises might adversely affect patients' recovery.

In its 9-0 ruling, the Supreme Court agreed with a portion of the court of appeals' decision, holding that the hospital may forbid solicitation in certain areas of the hospital, including corridors and sitting rooms on floors of the hospital having patient rooms or operating and therapy rooms.

At the same time, the justices held that the NLRB order overturning the ban is valid for much of the hospital's first floor, including the cafeteria, gift shop, and lobbies.

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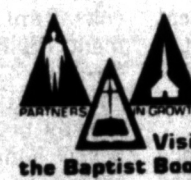
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# Just For The Record . . .



**EAST SIDE CHURCH**, Richton, recently baptized members of three generations of the same family. Mrs. Ora Lee Brownlee, her daughter, Mrs. Rebba Lois Mayo, and Mrs. Mayo's daughter Lois were baptized in Piney Woods Creek, near the Brownlee home at a point where a spring runs into the creek. This spring furnished water for the Brownlees in years gone by. Pictured are Joe Boutwell, pastor, Mrs. Brownlee, Mrs. Mayo, Lois Mayo, and deacon Charles Mayo. James Watson is leaving the water after being baptized.



**EIGHTY MEMBERS** of "His Witnesses," youth choir of Parkway, Natchez, are on a trip to Panama City, Fla., July 26 - Aug. 3. They will perform the musical "Let The Son Shine In!" four times before returning to sing at Parkway on August 5. Buddy Casey, director, says that the trip is a year long project. Plans are made each September for the following summer, and fund raising is begun early. This year's choir had 140 members and averaged over 100 in attendance. Each member must have 80% attendance to qualify for the trip. This requirement and others conflicts usually cuts the trip to about 80 members. This year's trip will cost \$11,000, most of which the youths raised themselves.



**THE DUMAS OLYMPIC GAMES** were held at Dumas Church in Tippah County on a recent Sunday afternoon. Dinner on the grounds followed the morning worship service, and then the games began. For the late Sunday afternoon worship service, 110 people gathered. Standing at center front is Pam Bell, minister of music and youth. The pastor is James M. Lewis. On June 30, the Children's Church workers at Dumas sponsored an outing to Tishomingo Park, in which 40 took part.

**Oak Hill Church** (Pontotoc) will celebrate its 130th anniversary August 12. Services will begin at 10 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon, followed by a period of singing and fellowship. Friends and former members are invited to attend the homecoming festivities.

**Days Baptist Church** (DeSoto) will observe its 20th anniversary August 19 with a special homecoming service. A "dinner on the grounds" will follow the morning worship. James Redding, first pastor of Days Church and former missionary, will lead in afternoon services. All friends and former members are invited. Billy Selby, pastor.



**CHOPPING COTTON** for ten days helped a group from **SILVER CITY CHURCH** get enough funds to complete a mission venture to the migrant mission center in Hope, Ark., on July 30. C. C. CARRAWAY is the Silver City pastor.

## Giving Reaches Record; Most To Religion

**NEW YORK (RNS)** — Charitable giving in the United States reached a record \$39.56 billion in 1978, with religion continuing to receive the largest single share — \$18.4 billion or 46.5 percent of the total.

The other major distributions for the 1978 contributions, according to the 1979 annual report of Giving USA, published by the American Association of Fund-Raising Counsel (AAFCR) Inc., are:

Education, \$5.52 billion, 14 percent of the total; Health & Hospitals, \$5.45 billion, 13.8 percent; Social Welfare, \$3.99 billion, 10 percent; Arts & Humanities, \$2.49 billion 6.3 percent; Civic & Public, \$1.14 billion, 2.9 percent; Other, \$2.57 billion, 6.5 percent. Total giving in the U.S. increased by 9.4 percent last year, slightly more than the rate of inflation, according to Giving USA researchers.

## Jerry Barlow Gets Broadman Seminarian Award

**NASHVILLE** — Two firsts highlighted the 1979 Broadman Seminarian Awards, an annual award in each Southern Baptist seminary to recognize excellence in Bible studies and superior personal and spiritual qualities in an outstanding student.

At Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., two graduates were named the first instance of double winners. Both had perfect 4.0 grade point averages. They were Wallace Buckner, Lone Jack, Mo., and Danny Stiver, Springfield, Mo.

Margaret Dee Bratcher, New Bern, N. C., became the first woman selected as a winner of the award when she was chosen by Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Jerry Barlow, a Mississippian from Petal, was the Seminarian Award winner at New Orleans Seminary. He is pastor of Crystal Springs Church, Tylertown.

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## Staff Changes

**Rolling Creek**, Clarke County, has called as pastor **Wilton Bennett** from Shiloh Church in Saraland, Ala. where he was associate pastor.

**Pete Evans** has resigned at First, New Albany, where he had been pastor for 18 years. He is now living in Meridian, and is conducting revivals and doing supply work. His address is: W. F. Evans, 716 52nd St., Meridian, Ms. 39301. His phone number is 601-482-1876.

**Joe Waggener** has resigned as assistant pastor and minister of education at First Church, Crystal Springs, to accept a similar position at First Church, Mansfield, La.

**Crowder Church** has called **Craig Allan Southerland** as music-youth director. He, his wife, Susan Shoemaker, and son Justin, eight months, moved on the field June 28. Southerland is a native of Jacksonville, Fla. He has a Bachelor of music degree from Mississippi College and has done additional study at Jackson State University. He was music-youth director at Leesburg Church, Morton, 1975-78. While in college he was a member of the BSU-sponsored singing group, HARVEST. For one and one-half years he was manager of International Recording Studios, Inc., at Pearl. The Southerlands were welcomed to Crowder with a pounding of grocery items and cash gifts on July 1. Truman D. Scarborough is pastor.

**Lucien Church**, Franklin Association, has called **John Beckett** as pastor. Beckett is a graduate of Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla., and is a student at New Orleans Seminary. He and his wife, Donna, are the parents of two, John, Jr. and Amy. Former pastorates include ones in Florida and a six-year stint as pastor of Southern Hills Church, Hamilton, Ohio.

**Chris Curtis**, of Meridian has accepted the pastorate of **First Grove Church**, Carthage. Pine Grove Church, Clarke County, has called **Jim Hill** as pastor. He moved there from Mobile, Ala.



The Bass Family

**Guy Bass** is the new pastor of First Church, Sledge. The Monroe, La. native studied at Arkansas Polytechnic College and University of Arkansas. Recently he graduated from Mid-America Seminary, Memphis. Ellendale Church, Bartlett, Tenn. ordained him to the ministry. The Sledge church is his first pastorate. For two years he has been preaching at a fire station on Sundays.

Bass has been employed by the IBM Corporation since 1959, and works nights servicing computers. He is married to the former Janet Richards. They have three children, Mrs. Joe (Gina) Valentine of Columbus, Cindy, and Brian.

## Southside, Jackson Will Celebrate 40th Anniversary

40th Anniversary and Homecoming will be held at Southside Church, Jackson, on August 5.

The Southside Baptist Church was organized Aug. 7, 1939. Percy Cooper was called as pastor and served there until Jan., 1947. On March 16, 1947, S. W. Valentine began his ministry as pastor and served until November, 1974. In August, 1975, Fred Fowler began his pastorate of Southside.

The church has recently completed a Family Life Center and Sanctuary.

Highlights for the 40th Anniversary will include a message by Cooper at 11 a.m. and a sermon by Valentine at 7 p.m. The morning service will be followed by an "Old Fashioned Dinner on the Ground." Afternoon activities will include singing with the "Living Witnesses" from the McDowell Road Church. Recognition will be given to "preacher boys" from Southside.

## THE VILLAGE VIEW

FROM  
**Baptist Children's Village**  
P. O. Box 11308 Jackson, MS 39213

### Music Department Presentation

On Thursday evening, July 26, a select chorus of teen-agers from The Village's Department of Music presented "The Enchanted Journey," a "musical adventure in the land of PILGRIM'S PROGRESS," by Cam and Cher Florida performed before a near-capacity audience in Powell Chapel on The Village's Jackson campus. The production presented, in choral music and drama, the familiar

adventure of **CHRISTIAN** in **PILGRIM'S PROGRESS**, movingly told by today's children and youth. A special summer feature of the Department of Music, "The Enchanted Journey" was produced and directed by our music staff, Ruth Glaze and Sharon Stone, assisted by our student, summer missionaries, Dan Watson and Barbara Smith.

### What's Cookin' At The Village?

We have just accepted delivery from the printer on a new cookbook, prepared and edited by Village children and houseparent staff. This attractive 100-page book contains hundreds of recipes prepared and served regularly in Village cottages at all of our installations. Under the leadership of Mrs. Oneida Smith, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Rodgers, and Mr. Henry Glaze of our staff, Village people responded to the enthusiastic urging of our Board of Trustees and produced this unusual cookbook for distribution to interested friends who might like to try tasty dishes which are regularly tested in Village kitchens.

Complete with illustrations by one of the young people on the Jackson campus and appropriate scripture quotations for daily meditations, the cookbook is well-indexed and available to any interested person at \$2.00 per copy plus \$.66 for mailing.

Inquiries should mention "What's Cookin' At The Village" and address inquiries to Paul N. Nunnery, The Baptist Children's Village, Box 11308, Jackson, Mississippi, 39213. The modest charge is made solely and only to defray the cost of printing the book.

## Staff Members Needed

The Baptist Children's Village urgently needs to employ additional numbers of Christian adults for staff service in its child care ministry as houseparents. According to Paul N. Nunnery, The Village's Executive Director, a critical need for additional houseparent staff exists both on the Jackson Campus and the Farrow Campus of The Village. Interested persons are urged to contact either Nunnery or Henry M. Glaze, Jr., Home Life Director on the Jackson Campus at Box 11308, Jackson, Mississippi, 39213 or by calling 922-2242, in Jackson. North Mississippi persons who are interested may make contact with Mr. T. Dean Rodgers, the Village's Assistant Executive Director on The Village's Farrow Manor Campus at Box 168, Independence, Mississippi 38638 or by calling Rodgers in Independence at 233-2155. The Village has need for both single ladies and husband/wife teams, preferably between the ages of 30 and 55 years. Room and Board adequate cash salaries, hospitalization and other attractive benefits are available, in addition to an opportunity to be of real mission service to children, without the necessity of previous training which is offered "on the job!"

### Fun On The Farrow Manor Campus

June 18-22 represented a week of fun for the boys and girls on our Farrow Manor Campus. Dan Watson, Barbara Smith, and Annette Hitt of The Village's Christian Education Department used the entire week on that campus in directing special activities for the children.

Monday was devoted to baseball and Tuesday everyone packed a picnic lunch, boarded the bus and drove to Maywood Park in Memphis for a day of swimming.

Wednesday was "zoo-day." Everyone packed a snack lunch and enjoyed the day at the Memphis zoo.

The week's activities culminated on Thursday in "Derby-Day." The morning was devoted to relays, a picnic lunch was served under the trees at noon, with a baseball game and obstacle course in the afternoon. We express special thanks to our friends in Senatobia who so generously provided us with the prizes for our competitive events.

Friday morning our entire group concluded the week in Bible study.

### Presenting Our Staff



McAnnally



Hamilton

Marguerite McAnnally, housemother on the Jackson campus — three years.

Debbie Hamilton, housemother on the Jackson campus — two months.



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### "Growing Me Up"

"Growing Me Up" was the theme of a personal growth seminar conducted on our Jackson Campus recently. Designed for older teenagers, the seminar dealt with the decision-making process and how that process affects lives as one takes personal responsibility for his life choices.

During the days of July 24-26, the seminar featured several off-campus guest leaders. Teaching Bible studies were: Bob Hutchinson, pastor, First Baptist Church, Florence, Miss., and Hank Guest, associate pastor, Northminster Baptist Church, Jackson. Leading conferences were Col. and Mrs. Ritchie Clark, Richland, Miss.; Paul Brown, counselor, Chemical Dependency Unit, University Medical Center, and five "Ala-Teens" whom Mr. Brown sponsors.

The seminar was directed by Annette Hitt, Director of Christian Education at The Village, assisted by her summer-missionary associates, Dan Watson and Barbara Smith.



## 1st, Sardis, Remodels, Celebrates 135th Year



First Church, Sardis, Panola Association, observed CELEBRATION SUNDAY on July 15, celebrating the 135th anniversary of the church's founding, the 30th anniversary of rebuilding from a fire that destroyed the church building in 1948, and the completion of the current remodeling of the front of the church.

G. C. "Bill" Cox is pastor, and Bob Wilkerson is minister of music and activities.

Special events of the day included High Attendance Day in Sunday School, with Mrs. J. R. Carey, Bellevue Church, Memphis, Tenn., teaching the combined adult classes. During the morning worship hour, letters from former pastors were read to the congregation. W. W. Hoffer of Meridian, pastor at Sardis from 1959 to 1964,

and Mrs. Hoffer were present.

After a special sermon by the pastor, members assembled on the porch for the laying of the cornerstone, when treasured church memorabilia and a Bible were placed in a copper box for preservation.

Dinner on the grounds was followed by a time of special music and congregational singing. M. G. Reedy of Water Valley, pastor of the church from 1948 to 1950, then addressed the congregation.

The church has experienced steady growth during the current church year, with the addition of 43 new members — 17 by profession of faith and 26 by letter. In addition to the remodeling program, the church has bought additional housing and added a full-time minister of music and activities.

## Pastors' Conference Needs Contributions

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (BP) — The Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, which started the year with no money in its treasury, fell \$2,731.84 short of its expenses at its 1979 meeting in Houston, according to Homer G. Lindsay Jr., immediate past president.

Lindsay is urging contributions to help make up the deficit.

"If you received a blessing from the Pastors' Conference in Houston and would like to help us get out of this hole," Lindsay said in his request for funds, "please send money to Dr. John Hatch, pastor, First Baptist Church of Lakewood; 5602 112th St., S.W.,

### Kindergarten/Day Care Clinic At Harrisburg

Harrisburg Baptist Church in Tupelo is hosting and sponsoring a kindergarten/day care clinic on August 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for all interested persons in the work in northeast Mississippi.

No registration fee is to be charged but lunch will cost about \$1.50. Mrs. Richard Hazlewood and Mrs. Robert Kelsey of the staff of First Baptist Church, West Point, will be conference leaders.

No advance registration is necessary, but the church needs an approximate number to prepare lunch. Contact Harrisburg Baptist Church at 1800 W. Main, Tupelo, Miss. 38801.

Tacoma, Wash. 98499." Hatch was secretary-treasurer for the 1979 Pastors' Conference.

Figures released by Hatch show that the Pastors' Conference had \$12,401.25 in bills and took in \$9,669.41 in offerings, leaving \$2,731.84 owed.

The breakdown shows bills of \$490 for security guards, \$50 for piano tuning, \$800 for platform erection, \$3,646.25 for union labor in conference set-up, \$2,195 for printed programs, \$4,100 for coliseum rental and \$1,120 for decorator's fees.

"In the past," said Lindsay, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla., "the Pastors' Conference has given the pastors' wives money to aid them in their pastors' wives dinner held during the Pastor's Conference. We were not able to do so last year, and it looks like we will not be able to do so this year."

He urged contributions to cover the bills and allow money to be passed on to the pastors' wives as well as to the new president of the Pastor's Conference, James Draper, pastor of First Baptist Church, Euless, Texas, for next year's meeting in St. Louis.

## Southern Seminary Receives Gaines Dobbins's Library

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP) — The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary recently received the personal library of Gaines S. Dobbins pending settlement of the long-time Southern professor's estate.

Approximately 2,000 volumes, occupying 47 shelves and 37 boxes of files from Dobbins' long career as a leader of Christian education, are now housed in the restricted area of the library. It's hoped the collection will be ready for circulation sometime during the coming school year, with each volume containing a nameplate indicating it's part of the Gaines S. Dobbins collection.

Dobbins, who died at his home in Birmingham, Ala., last September, was professor at Southern from 1920-1956. During that time, he was instrumental in establishing Southern's School of Religious Education, and

When money speaks the truth is silent. — Russian Proverb

It is easy to be wise after the event — English Proverb

## Devotional

### The Meaning Of Baptism

By James D. McLemore

Pastor, 38th Ave., Hattiesburg

"Mommy, mommy," shouted the little preschool girl as she ran from Mission Friends meeting, "we just found God's bathtub." After the laughter died down she told that her group had walked all through the church and that they had found God's bathtub.



McLemore

The baptism in any church isn't God's bathtub, but the act of baptism certainly symbolizes a cleansing. Paul said, "Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life." (Romans 6:4 NASV)

Any person who walks into a baptism and confesses Jesus as Savior must realize that baptism is more than an initiation rite into the church. Baptism symbolizes a spiritual bath — a cleansing wrought by the blood of Christ. A cleansing which brings about a new life.

The new life which the new believer must walk is a life controlled by God. The new life is oriented to a new master so that self is no longer the captain. God is the leader.

The new life under God is a life of holiness. God, when He cleanses, produces a unique kind of life-style which reflects His character. This kind of holiness does not change its color in every different situation. Rather, it remains constant in its orientation to the character of God.

The new life also reproduces itself. Life begets life. Cleansed lives beget more new-born babes in Christ. The new life is constantly bearing witness to the Christ who brought life out of death.

Have you been "washed in the blood?"

The doorstep to the temple of wisdom is a knowledge of our own ignorance. — Spurgeon

### Off The Record

Inspector to Scotsman wishing to join the police force: "Now suppose you came upon a great crowd of rioters and you were all alone, what would you do to disperse them?"

"I'd pass the hat round Sir."

An Eskimo won a trip to New York as a prize for catching the most seal in a season. When he returned home, he brought with him a length of pipe, which he set up in his igloo so it protruded through the roof.

His wife asked what it was for, and he replied, "That's a trick I learned in New York. When you want more heat you bang on this pipe."

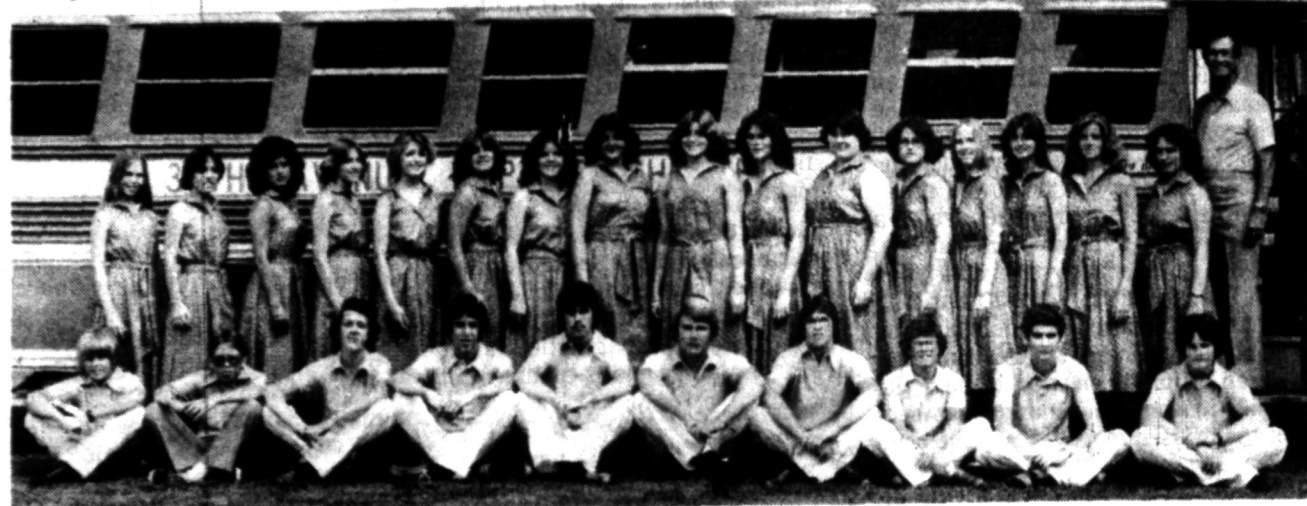
## Explosion Damaged Baptist Church, Car

BEIRUT, Lebanon (BP) — Most of the windows of University Baptist Church in Beirut, Lebanon, were broken and a car belonging to the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries was badly damaged in a bomb explosion.

The dynamite charge, placed in front of a stationery store, discharged during the night. Damage to Baptist property was coincidental, according

to a cable sent July 24 by Southern Baptist missionary press representative Frances (Mrs. J. Wayne) Fuller. She said such bombings are politically motivated and have been common in Lebanon since the civil war began five years ago.

Southern Baptist missionary James P. Craigmyre, from Indiana, is pastor of University church, an English-language congregation.



### 38th Avenue Youth Choir Sings In New Jersey

The Youth Choir of 38th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg, conducted Mission '79 to Neptune, N. J., serving in nine Vacation Bible Schools and presenting four concerts of the youth musical "Make It Clear," two of which were on the Atlantic Coast Boardwalk. The mission trip was July 1-15. The pastor of 38th Avenue is James D. McLemore. Jimmy McCaleb, minister of music and youth, directed the choir. Duane and Fay Ivey, Mississippians, are home missionaries at Neptune, N. J.

## Uniform Lesson

### God Loves And Forgives

By Ed North, First, Quitman  
Hosea 11:14

Not long ago a friend asked my opinion of one of the more flamboyant evangelists on the contemporary scene. My response was that his ways were not my ways, but it was my observation that God uses all sorts of men to accomplish His purposes. Amos and Hosea provide a case in point.

The stern, unflappable Amos of last week's lesson came into the Northern Kingdom with a strong message of judgment and certain doom. His contemporary, Hosea, addressed the same expressions of evil with a message of love and forgiveness. God used them both.

Hosea's approach was shaped by his own nature, the circumstances of his life, and his particular call to ministry. He blazed new trails in Old Testament theology. He interpreted God in highly personal terms, and declared with exactness His suffering love. In many ways Hosea is closer to the Gospel than any other Old Testament book.

#### I. The Revelation of God's Love (Hosea 1-3)

The secret to understanding Hosea's message and ministry lies in the uniqueness of God's revelation to him. That revelation came within the context of his marriage to Gomer. Did God really command Hosea to marry a harlot? Is Gomer a real person? If Hosea did in fact marry Gomer, was she a harlot before or after the marriage? If Gomer was a harlot before the marriage, was she a common woman of the street or a sacred prostitute?

In an effort to avoid difficult theological problems some interpreters allegorize Hosea into simply a story of God's relationship with Israel. Others opt for the view that Gomer had a tendency toward harlotry which expressed itself after she married Hosea. I tend to favor a fairly literal reading of the account. Gomer was a prostitute (probably attached to a temple of the Baal cult) when Hosea married her. For a time she was faithful to the relationship, but soon returned to her former ways. In an act of supreme love Hosea bought her back from the one to whom she had sold herself, and reestablished her as his wife.

Through this deeply personal ex-

perience God was teaching Hosea about the spiritual unfaithfulness of His bride, Israel, and the sorrow of His own loving heart. Out of this fresh vision of the Almighty, Hosea developed his message to Israel. He could preach that message with power and persuasion because he had lived it.

#### II. Relating God's Love

The focus chapters of our lesson clearly demonstrate Hosea's efforts to relate God's love and forgiveness to his fellow Israelites. Although the analogy changes in Chapter 11 from a wife to a son, the emphasis on love in the relationship remains the same. I have found a tremendous blessing in outlining the love of God in these two chapters, and tying each aspect to Hosea's personal experiences. I set this forth now for your consideration.

(1.) **Elective Love** (11:1-17). The choice of Israel from among the nations of the earth was an act of divine love unprompted by merit. Consider Hosea's choice: "Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredoms" (1:2). Nowhere in the book does Hosea speak of Israel's love for God. Israel loves "cakes of raisin" (3:1), "shame" (4:18), "a harlot's hire" (9:1), but not God. God's love was motivated purely by His own nature.

(2.) **Rejected Love** (11:2). The more God called to Israel, the more she went away from Him. Can you see Gomer walking out on Hosea to return to her life of sin?

(3.) **Protecting Love** (11:3-4). This poignant statement clearly pictures God's care for Israel despite her rejection. Hosea cannot permit Gomer to throw her life away; he must care for her.

(4.) **Disciplining Love** (11:5-7). Love does not preclude judgement. The loving father disciplines his wayward child. When Hosea brings Gomer home he lays down some firm rules (3:3).

(5.) **Suffering love** (11:8-9). The new concept of a God who suffers when his people are disobedient is clearly seen in God's urgent desire to hold on to His people. Can you imagine the pain in a husband's heart when his wife leaves him for a life of prostitution, and yet he cannot let her go?

(6.) **Healing, Redeeming Love** (14:4-8). God stands ready (note the threefold use of "I will") to forgive Is-

rael and to restore her beauty and fruitfulness. Here is Hosea making his way to the markets of sin to redeem his wife (3:1-2). Surely the shadow of the cross falls over this passage. How marvelous is the love of God!

#### III. Responding to God's Love

The painful reality of the broken relationship between God and Israel, and the certainty of judgment are captured in the names of Hosea's children (1:4-9). Hosea leaves no doubt as to Israel's fate if she rejects God's tender offer of love. The nature of the response the nation must make is made plain.

(1.) **Seek the Lord** (5:15, 10:12). Here is the response of faith motivated by God's loving acts in the life of Israel.

(2.) **Repentance** (14:1). If men are driven to repentance by the threat of judgment (cf. Amos), how they should rush to repentance under the wooing of God's love.

(3.) **Confession** (14:2). Psychologically and theologically it is the most liberating of human acts.

(4.) **Total Trust in God Alone** (14:3). False gods and fragile alliances must be put aside. God must be allowed to be God.

Somewhere along the way the reader must surely have thought of the prodigal in that story which Helmut Thielicke calls the "Parable of the Loving Father." The son leaves the father and goes out into a life of sin. Sin takes its inevitable toll and the son, having "come to himself," makes his way back home. There he finds the father waiting, loving, ready to forgive and restore. How the great heart of God longed for Israel to come back home! How he longs for the return of every prodigal!

#### Guard Your Lips

A fool uttereth all his mind, but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards (Psalm 29:11). Do we pop off our tongues and tell everyone personal affairs that should concern only ourselves or our friends? A restrained person in speech has fewer regrets. Let us follow God's teachings and guard our lips, thinking carefully before we speak our "minds." — Lena Scott Price

## Life and Work Lesson

### One Gospel For All

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Acts 15:1-35

News Release — Jackson, Miss. — "Following the recent disagreements at the Southern Baptist Convention, a close look is being taken not only at the personal beliefs of seminary professors, but also at the beliefs and practices of individual church members. An ad hoc committee today reported that in addition to trusting Jesus for forgiveness of sin, those wishing to become Christians must sign a statement openly opposing drinking and dancing, and pledging support for the Cooperative Program."

This statement seems to have stirred a negative response from some Christian groups, and a conference has been called to resolve the issue. Leaders from all over Southern Baptist circles will meet next month in Nashville to iron out differences of opinion and theological issues at stake."

The above is not a "poke" at recent happenings, but a contemporary setting for what was happening in the passage from which this lesson comes.

#### I. The Dissension And Disputation (Acts 15:1-3)

"Certain men which came down from Judea," later identified (v. 5) as members of the party of the Pharisees, took it upon themselves to correct what they considered a problem in the Christian conversion of the Gentiles. With uncompromising words, they sought to tell the church at Antioch that all new Gentile Christians (and they didn't seem to doubt that Gentiles could become Christians) must in addition to faith in Christ, submit to circumcision according to the law of Moses. Deeper even than this surface act, was the implication that not only circumcision but acceptance and obedience to all the Jewish laws was required.

Never at a loss for words on the subject of salvation, Paul and Barnabas disputed this teaching and sought to refute it. They seemingly came to a stalemate situation.

This first theological crisis of Christian church history led to what has come to be known as the Council at Jerusalem. Be quick to recognize that attendance was not required, nor was the church or were the leaders in

Jerusalem recognized as having greater authority than any other church or leader. Instead, we find Jerusalem as the birthplace of Christianity and the site of the gathering.

The leader of the church at Jerusalem, James, though not having more authority, does seem to have great influence due to his wisdom and his position. Paul and Barnabas were selected by the church at Antioch to attend the conference. En route, they visited congregations in Phoenicia and Gamaria, giving a report of their first missionary journey and the results, the conversion of many Gentiles. Their report was received with "great joy" by "all the brethren."

The two sides continued informal disagreements in Jerusalem with any who would listen.

#### II. The Debate (Acts 15:6-21)

The deliberations seem to have taken on a more organized atmosphere as the conference was convened (v. 6). Following a general "disputing," Peter stood and testified. He reviewed his own ministry to the Gentiles and God's blessing of it. He testified that these Gentiles had obviously been saved because they were given the same Holy Spirit as Jewish Christians.

Then Peter added a word of warning to the Jews. "Why should we expect these Gentiles to obey all the law, when we couldn't do it ourselves?" Jewish Christians recognized that salvation had to be by God's grace, not by man's ability to obey laws. Why should more be expected from Gentile Christians?

His short declaration brought a hushed atmosphere to the meeting allowing Paul and Barnabas to testify about God's blessings and work on the Gentiles through their ministry.

Finally, James, Bishop of Jerusalem, (sometimes referred to as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Jerusalem) stood to give his position.

James, brother of our Lord, had no more authority over this meeting than any other man. But, his position and his past performance as leader gave him great influence. How great is the responsibility of influence. When others are drawn to decision by the decisions of one man, how important it is that he decide carefully. When we who are teachers, and preachers, and deacons are called upon to express our

position and belief, others are swayed. How critical it is that such decisions be made prayerfully and selflessly.

"My sentence (judgment, opinion) is that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God" (v. 19). James acknowledged Peter's (called him by his Hebrew name, Simeon) testimony, quoted Hebrew scripture (though from the Greek version) and stated his personal position. He suggested that Gentile Christians are not subject to Mosaic ritual, but did not counsel on things to avoid (idolatry, fornication, murder).

#### III. The Decision (Acts 15:22-35)

"Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church" (15:22a). Though it appears unanimous, the same problem with Judaizers cropped up later. However, for a period of time, peace reigned within the church. Letters of the decision were circulated to the churches in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, transported by appointed spokesmen to give further explanations of the decision.

With internal peace, the church resumed its work, united in an aggressive spirit to take the Gospel to all people, Jew and Gentile.

Today's disputes are too often left to the preachers and the professors. Differences of interpretation and of practical application are seemingly unimportant to the Christian in the pew. Is it because we don't care? I hope not! But, somewhere, somehow we must return to the conviction that salvation is not only available to all people, but also that we are the means by which God wants the message taken. Let's adopt an aggressive attitude of taking the Gospel to every person in our community, our state, our nation, and our world.

Washington (BP) — The U. S. Supreme Court has sidestepped an opportunity to review its 32-year-old decree allowing states to provide transportation to nonpublic school students. The high court dismissed "for want of substantial federal question" a challenge to Pennsylvania law mandating transportation for all pupils, public and nonpublic alike, to and from schools located up to 10 miles beyond local school district boundaries.